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Quake off Cyprus rocks country

DAVID RUDGE

A STRONG earthquake off Cyprus yesterday rocked Israel from Eilat to Rosh Hanikra, causing some minor damage but no injuries.

The quake, which struck here at 3:12 p.m., was also felt in neighboring countries.

The seismology division of the National Infrastructure Ministry's Geophysical Institute reported that the quake measured 6.1 on the Richter scale.

Experts said the epicenter was in the Mediterranean, about 100 km southwest of Cyprus and about 300 km off the coast.

Police were inundated with calls from anxious residents, who reported that furniture had moved and buildings shook. The effects were particularly noticeable in the upper stories of high-rise buildings, where some residents reported that items had fallen from walls and tables.

National Infrastructure Ministry spokesman Ra'anah Gissin said there had been no reports of any serious damage or any injuries.

There were a few reports of plaster coming off walls and doors and windows being rattled, and in a few cases items were broken, but nothing more serious than that," he said.

"The earthquake that struck Eilat last November measured 6.4 on the Richter scale, and its effects were worse because it was closer and not as deep as this one."

The effects in Cyprus and Egypt, however, were more serious, with reports of casualties and some fairly extensive damage. One person was reported to have died in Egypt and five people were said to have been injured in Cyprus.

Dr. Yair Rothstein, director of the Geophysical Institute, said the area in question is susceptible to earthquakes because it is on the northern border of the African plate, which is below the level of the Euro-Asian plate. The two plates are always moving imperceptibly, causing earthquakes.

"There have been several quakes in this area since a big one in 1961, including several small ones this year," he said. "We expect several aftershocks and have already recorded some, but they are relatively minor."

Mordechai: PA must coordinate on infrastructure changes in Hebron

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN and DAVID MAKOVSKY

DEFENSE Minister Yitzhak Mordechai said yesterday that Israel needs to maintain its freedom of action to foil potential terrorist incidents in Hebron. He also made clear that he does not want the Palestinians to act unilaterally in changing the infrastructure in Jewish areas of the city.

Under Oslo 2, Israel maintains security control over 20 percent of the city, but the Palestinians retain civilian control over the entire city.

"The main thing which guides us is that we have the authority and the military capability to operate during alerts and incidents and following incidents so that we can simply prevent dangers," Mordechai said.

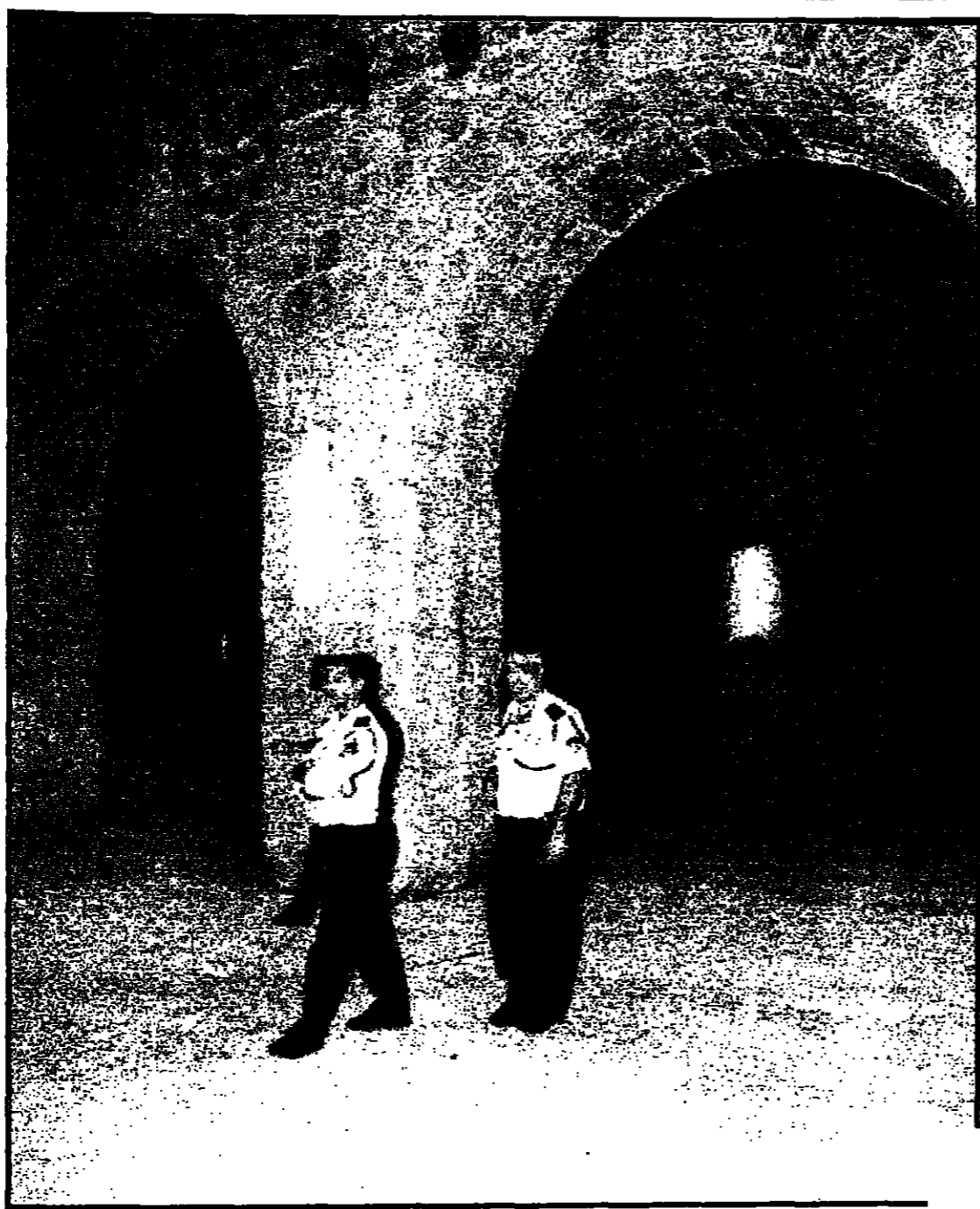
"We want all matters of building and changes in the infrastructure in the section [of the city] that falls under our security responsibility done in coordination with us. If there isn't coordination, it could come to conflicts," Mordechai said.

Mordechai made the statements in an interview with *The Jerusalem Post*, the full text of which will appear in tomorrow's paper.

Marzook loses bid to stop US extradition

NEW YORK (Reuters) - A federal judge refused to stop the extradition of a Hamas political leader who is to be returned to Israel on charges of murder and other violent acts.

Mousa Mohammed Abu Marzook's extradition will not be immediate because he can appeal the ruling. His lawyer could not be reached for comment.



Eli Assaf (right), the commander of the police post on the Temple Mount, visits Solomon's Stables yesterday along with other police officers. (Clashed Z)

Government allows Wakf to open Solomon's Stables for Moslem worshipers

BILL HUTMAN

THE government will allow Solomon's Stables on the Temple Mount to be opened to Moslem worshipers, despite allegations that renovations nearly completed there by the Wakf were illegal and damaged antiquities, Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani said yesterday.

"The Wakf received permission to ... renovate last year, because the rains during [the last] Ramadan created a need for a dry place to pray," Kahalani said. "The permission granted then remains in effect," he said, and the government will likely make it permanent.

The site, known to Moslems as the Marawani prayer area, has been the center of controversy recently, after the Jerusalem Municipality in August obtained a court order for the Wakf to halt renovations, on grounds they were being done without a permit.

The municipality has since reconsidered its stand, and city building inspectors say the work being done by the Wakf apparently falls within that allowed without a permit.

Government officials also have argued in recent weeks that the controversial opening of the Hasmonean Tunnel exit, just outside the Temple Mount, was done as part of deal in which the Wakf would not protest the move, in exchange for being able to use Solomon's Stables.

Yesterday, Wakf Director Adnan Husseini reiterated the Wakf's position that there was no

agreement "let down the Jewish people" by allowing the opening, continuing to uphold the 10 standing ban on Jews praying there.

"We will continue to fight government's policy on Temple Mount, but in a public, peaceful manner. All the talk about violence on our side is rubbish," Etzion said. Seven 15 Wakf members were detained yesterday afternoon by police when they tried to force their way onto the Temple Mount.

Gideon Avni, head of Antiquities Authority's Jerusalem District, said the Wakf had caused "irreversible, but not serious damage," to several Crusader period pillars at the site, when it recently electric lights affixed to the pillars.

Avni said he discovered damage on Tuesday, and that damage was done not long before, because Antiquities Authority officials regularly visit Solomon's Stables to rev the work.

Until last week, however, renovation work had caused damage, according to Avni, the Antiquities Authority presented a report to this effect to High Court, which was hearing petition demanding alleged illegal construction at the site be stopped.

The petition, filed by the Temple Mount Faithful group, which calls for the removal of the mosque from the Temple Mount, is scheduled to be heard again next week.

Little headway in Hebron talks as new subcommittees are formed

JON IMMANUEL

THE Israeli-Palestinian steering committee on the Oslo Accords meeting at Erez broke up into security and civil affairs subcommittees yesterday, after talks on Hebron redeployment made little headway. The economic subcommittee is to meet today.

By breaking up into smaller committees it was hoped to make progress on some issues, including aspects of the Hebron redeployment, by focusing on technical details and not the political agreement as a whole.

The security subcommittee, under Maj.-Gen. Shaul Mofaz, head of the IDF Planning Branch, and West Bank Preventive Security chief Col. Jibril Rajoub, specifically discussed security in Hebron, military sources said.

A pared-down steering committee met briefly with US peace process coordinator Dennis Ross.

Saeb Erekat, head of the Palestinian steering committee team, said that as far as Hebron is concerned "our position is that we have a Palestinian-Israeli document and the Israeli side is trying to change it."

Arafat ordered no compromises on the agreement, and Erekat said on Palestine Radio that if Israel did not agree finally to implement the accord without changes, the PA would seek international arbitration.

Ross also met with Arafat in his Gaza office yesterday. This followed Palestinian complaints that the Americans were not taking an active enough role in the talks. Afterwards, Ross told reporters: "I think we have to be patient."

Heading the civil affairs subcommittee are government coordinator in the territories Maj.-Gen. Oren Shabor and PA Civil Affairs Minister Jamil Tarifi. Among the issues they began discussing are the transfer of some 30 untransferred areas of civil authority in Hebron, as well as the deployment of 400 Palestinian inspectors in the area to remain under IDF control.

Shabor said that 4,000 more workers, in addition to 10,000 authorized Tuesday, would be allowed into Israel, to help with the fruit har-

Jordan-Israel relations in state of 'deterioration'

DAVID MAKOVSKY

ISRAELI-Jordanian relations are in a state of "deterioration" and cannot be mended until Israel immediately implements the Oslo Accords and avoids unilateral actions in Jerusalem which Amman believes affect Jordanian custodianship over Moslem shrines there, Jordanian Ambassador Omar Rifai said last night.

Rifai, who until now has studiously avoided criticizing the Netanyahu government, spoke after a series of attacks in recent days by King Hussein concerning the government's "arrogance" when it came to the peace process. Hussein also wondered whether Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is leading the region to war.

It remains unclear whether Netanyahu, who in the past has repeatedly expressed pride in his relationship with the monarch, will meet with Hussein in the coming days to attempt to address the problems, or whether the premier will dispatch an envoy.

In an interview with *The Jerusalem Post* last night, Rifai said, "We have noted a serious deterioration in our bilateral relationship with Israel, which is at least partly due to a deterioration in the whole Arab-Israeli relationship."

anniversary of their peace treaty later this month, Rifai declared, "As we approach the second anniversary, the Israel-Jordanian relationship is not where it should be and not where it was since [the treaty] was signed."

Rifai made clear that Israel cannot isolate ties with Jordan from an overall deterioration in its ties with all the Arabs.

"The whole Arab-Israeli relationship is in crisis because we have gone off track on the peace process," he said. "We are not where we should be in terms of achieving the goal we all aspire to, which is a comprehensive regional peace with security."

"We have gotten off-track because there seems to be intransigence in the negotiating process at all levels, from Hebron to the closing off of the areas, settlements, unilateral actions in Jerusalem, and the list can go on."

"The atmosphere on the peace front as a whole has affected the Israeli-Jordanian relationship. While each track was separate in its own right, there is an interdependence between tracks."

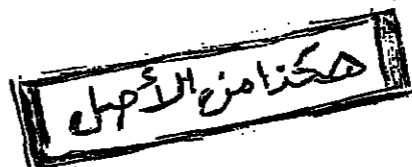
perceives to be the premier's insensitivity in not informing Hussein in advance about the opening of the Hasmonean Tunnel exit, especially since the premier had dispatched a top adviser, Dore Gold, to brief the king.

While Netanyahu has reiterated that the tunnel is 250 meters away from any Moslem holy place, Rifai said Jordan sees such "unilateral" action as undermining the provision of the Jordan-Israel peace treaty, which makes clear that Amman has a special role in administering the holy places.

"By not notifying us about the tunnel and acting unilaterally in Arab East Jerusalem, we see this is not in accordance with the peace treaty," Rifai said.

More reported details of Hussein's attack on Netanyahu at last week's private White House luncheon hosted by President Bill Clinton emerged yesterday.

According to *New York Times* columnist Thomas Friedman, Hussein said Netanyahu had expended goodwill and had an "arrogance of power." Hussein reportedly said the lack of success of the Washington summit was a "success for extremists and war-



finding solutions, although at the same time we are prepared for any possibilities. We don't have any differences of opinion with Jordan and I call on King Hussein to con-

the territories has calmed since it was decided to continue the negotiations. He stressed, however, that under the surface the situation is very tense and the IDF must remain on full alert.

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PM, Labor reject unity government

"THERE have been no contacts about establishing a national unity government. Not even one word. I don't see the possibility," Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu reportedly told National Religious Party MKs yesterday. He noted the government hopes to reach a broad national consensus before the final-status talks with the Palestinians. He said the NRP and Likud could reach a consensus, but attacked the Labor Party as "the ideological appendix of Meretz."

"They are prepared, with insufferable ease, to give [the Palestinians] a state... This means they will get all the jurisdiction we are not prepared for them to have," Netanyahu said.

"Even if there were a broad consensus [on the Palestinian issue], there would be questions like the Golan Heights, where [they're prepared] to give up everything," he said.

"Our aim must be to be as one. To approach the final-status talks with a consensus as to the best agreement and not deal with [a national unity government]. I'm sure we

LIAT COLLINS and MICHAEL YUDELMAN

can get the consent of 70 percent of the public. A majority of the public will support our plan because it's fair."

Labor also dismissed rumors of the possibility of a unity government, and accused the Prime Minister's Office of spreading them to "neutralize Labor's sharp criticism of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's failures."

Party secretary-general Nissim Zvilli called the rumors "an exercise for beginners. It's a political manipulation on the part of the Prime Minister's Office, intended to signal to those who oppose the peace process and the redeployment in Hebron to be careful, because there is another option. Also, Netanyahu was deeply hurt by MK Shimon Peres's harsh critical speech in the Knesset and Labor's attacks. He's saying to them: 'Get off my back, you may find yourselves part of this government.'" Peres was surprised to hear of the

so-called contacts he has had with Shas mentor Rabbi Ovadia Yosef to explore the possibility of a unity government, and denied he had met with Yosef.

"I didn't even see him," he said. "I'm not interested in rumors and gossip. I'm not interested in being a member of any government. What interests me is the peace process." Peres proposed establishing an inquiry commission to probe the circumstances of the severe escalation in the territories.

"It is unthinkable that a prime minister, who pretends to be the prime minister of the entire nation, should spend all his time attacking the opposition. Are we his enemies? What did he do as head of opposition? But if he's serious about it, I'm all in favor of setting up an inquiry commission into the causes of the escalation, not only with arms, but with words, too," he said. Peres proposed postponing the party's leadership election, scheduled for next year, to 1998. He urged the party to put aside all internal conflicts for at least 18 months and concentrate on efforts to change the government's policy.

NRP to Netanyahu: Retain military control of Hebron

NATIONAL Religious Party MKs suggested retaining Israeli military control in all of Hebron, as well as civil control over the city's Jewish enclave, during a meeting with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday.

They complained that under the current agreement, after the IDF redeployment, the Jewish residents of the city would be dependent on the Palestinian Authority for their daily needs.

"We are aware of attempts to strangle the [Jewish] settlement in

LIAT COLLINS

He did not, however, commit himself to Shaul Yahalom's demand that there be no connection between the Jewish settlement and the PA.

Yahalom said he feared the PA would cut water and electricity to the Jewish residents "a thousand times a day," to which Netanyahu reportedly replied: "Then we will cut supplies to Hebron 1,000 times."

When Avner Shaki raised the possibility of the PA declaring a Palestinian state, Netanyahu

fact, and the government will have to maneuver within them.

"Because of the shooting [by Palestinian policemen], we can demand some defensive adjustments," he said.

He said the Hasmonean Tunnel exit would remain open and Joseph's Tomb, like Rachel's Tomb, would be repaired and reopened.

"We won't let Hebron become a Joseph's Tomb. We don't close or withdraw from sites," he said.

The NRP MKs and Netanyahu



US peace talks envoy Dennis Ross meets for talks yesterday in Jerusalem with Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai. (Defense Ministry)

Mordechai to visit US next week

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

DEFENSE Minister Yitzhak Mordechai is to pay his first working visit to the US next week.

As Secretary of Defense William Perry's guest, Mordechai is to meet with top Pentagon officials and military commanders.

Mordechai is also to meet with senators, congressmen, State Department officials, and National Security Adviser Anthony Lake.

Mordechai will also visit Fort Hood in Texas, where he will be given a display on the battlefield of the future. He is also to visit the Air Command Center in Colorado.

One of his aims is to enhance strategic ties with the US and ensure that the \$1.8 billion in military aid is not cut.

In a related matter, Mordechai met yesterday with US peace process coordinator Dennis Ross, who has been participating in the Israeli-Palestinian talks at Exet.

Mordechai, the officials said, clarified that Israel's participation in the talks stems from a desire to advance the negotiations and bridge gaps so solutions can be found.

We support Hebron pullout, Third Way tells PM

LIAT COLLINS

THIRD Way MKs and executive members yesterday told Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu that they support implementing the redeployment in Hebron, while preserving the security of Jewish residents of the city, but hope to renew the settlement program.

According to party sources, Netanyahu listened with interest as MK Alex Lubotsky explained his plan of proceeding with "par-

tial permanent arrangements."

This entails linking the three redeployments still due under Oslo 2, whose scope has yet to be determined, with permanent arrangements, so that for every section handed over to the Palestinian Authority, Israel would annex a similar area.

"It's like dealing out cards, five

to you and five to me," Lubotsky told reporters.

The Third Way is also demanding that the Hebron redeployment go ahead, because without it there can be no program to boost settlements. The party is particularly interested in strengthening the Greater Jerusalem area, the Jordan Valley, Gush Etzion, the Golan Heights,

the south Hebron Hills, and western Samaria, including Ariel.

The Third Way reportedly offered to support the government on the Hebron redeployment in the face of some right-wing resistance within the cabinet.

The party demanded the government allow it to submit its bill demanding a special Knesset and referendum majority to approve any territorial concessions.

Groups demand inquiry commission for recent violence

HERB KEINON

GROUP of organizations posed to the Oslo accords called yesterday for a commission of inquiry into the events leading up to and including the violence of weeks ago, but stopped short of lining up for a protest against the Netanyahu government.

Reserve colonel Moshe Leshem, head of a group called Gamla Shall I Fall Again, said at a Jerusalem press conference that just as military failures in the past have been investigated, so should the battles of weeks ago that left 15 IDF soldiers dead.

"We have the right to know exactly what happened, who gave what orders, why did you give them?" Leshem said the committee should investigate who decided on type of weaponry to give the Palestinians; whether anyone in the military establishment investigated this; what was the decision-making process involved; and whether the IDF trained elite

Palestinian units in the use of these weapons.

"It was not enough that they provided the Palestinians with weapons, they also trained them and gave our soldiers orders which in effect turned them into sitting ducks in a shooting gallery," Leshem said.

Elyakim Ha'etzi, head of the Committee for the Abolition of the Autonomy, said that the committee of inquiry should also investigate the political establishment. He said that just as the Kahan Commission set up in 1983 to investigate the Sabra and Shatila massacres found that Ariel Sharon should not serve as defense minister, so this committee should disqualify Shimon Peres and Yossi Beilin from ever again holding public office.

A number of speakers called on the IDF General Staff to resign. Reserve colonel Gideon Altshuler, of Professors for a Strong Israel, charged that the army has been "emasculated," and that the Oslo accords have made the IDF soft.

Knesset rejects inquiry into Palestinian rioting

LIAT COLLINS

THE Knesset yesterday rejected a motion by MK Ophir Pines (Labor) to establish a parliamentary commission of inquiry into the cause of the Palestinian rioting two weeks ago.

The proposal was removed from the agenda by a vote of 54-42 after an intense debate marked by heckling and noisy asides.

Pines demanded an inquiry into the decision-making process preceding the opening of the Hasmonean Tunnel exit; the lack of involvement by security establishment; the manner in which the defense forces handled the rioting; and its fatal results.

Pines used a particularly emotional tone in his address, calling on the prime minister to look into the eyes of the bereaved families and tell them what their sons had died for. "Did they fall for a righteous principle? For something which serves the interests of the state? They fell for nothing," Pines charged.

Likud MKs constantly responded: "It's because you gave them guns."

Pines accused Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu of being irresponsible, hasty, arrogant and removed from reality.

MK Zvi Handel (National Religious Party) and Naomi Blumenthal (Likud) accused Pines of incitement and mobilizing the international media against Israel.

Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi, the government's liaison to the Knesset, asked for the proposal to be removed from the agenda.

He said the Left was trying "to avoid having to cope with what it had bequeathed us." The opposition is simply finding it difficult to cope with having lost the elections, he added.

Coalition chairman Michael Eitan and Labor faction chairman Ra'anan Cohen spent the debate trying to muster the largest turnout possible for the vote. Netanyahu, Foreign Minister David Levy and several other ministers were pulled out of their offices for the poll.

Labor Party leader Shimon Peres was not present.

PA-Israeli cooperation key to opening of Solomon's Stables to Moslems

BACKGROUND BILL HUTMAN

ALLOWING the Hasmonean tunnel blow-up it may be hard to believe, but in many instances, Palestinian and Israeli officials in Jerusalem are in close cooperation, and the planned opening of Solomon's Stables to Moslem worshippers is a good example.

In the case of Solomon's Stables, cooperation was between the Wakf, the Moslem religious authority in charges of the Temple Mount mosques, and Israeli officials all the way up to the prime minister.

Towards the end of last year, the Internal Security Ministry was informed by Wakf officials of their plans to renovate the underground vaults of Solomon's Stables, which they have long seen as an extension of Al-Aksa Mosque, to provide additional covered area for Moslem worshippers.

The Wakf officials said the covered area was needed for worshippers to pray under during the crowded Ramadan holiday period, that most recently fell during the rainy winter months of January and February.

Sources involved said the issue was brought to the attention of prime minister Shimon Peres, who

both gave his approval for Solomon's Stables to be opened, and for renovations to be carried on the dirt floors and leaky roofs of the giant, vaulted chambers.

In January, Moshe Sasson, senior advisor to then internal security minister Moshe Shahal, and Jerusalem Police Chief Arye Amit met several city Moslem leaders, including Wakf Director Adnan Hussein, and Moslem Higher Council member Mohammed Hussein, to pass on the government's approval.

The approval, however, was conditioned on the Wakf agreeing to the Antiquities Authority officials being allowed to periodically visit the site, to ensure no damage was being done. The Moslem leaders agreed.

Since then, about once a week an Antiquities Authority official, in most cases the Jerusalem District head, Gideon Avni, has come to see what work was being done. Avni was always treated well by Wakf officials, and after each visit compiled a report on

progress on the work.

Old City police commander David Givati also regularly visited the site, and met with Wakf officials.

The Antiquities Authority's reports on the Solomon's Stables renovation were periodically forwarded to Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair, who would then forward them to the ministerial committee on holy sites.

The procedure was described by officials involved as routine, as the committee, and not the authority, had the final say on the work being carried out by the Wakf. Until this week, all the reports presented by authority stated the work was not damaging the site.

On Tuesday, Avni and Givati together visited Solomon's Stables, only to discover Palestinian workers had drilled holes into Crusader period walls and pillars, and a report to this effect was sent to Ben-Yair.

Despite the overall cooperation, relations were sometimes tense. Wakf officials always publicly

insisted Israel had no say on the work being done at Solomon's Stables, and the Israeli officials, understanding the sensitivity of the matter, also kept their role secret.

The Wakf tried to prevent Avni and Givati from entering on Tuesday, on grounds the mount was closed to visitors, because the mourning period continued for three Palestinians killed there during riots two weeks ago, and allowed them in only after they insisted.

Israeli sources that worked with the Wakf over the past year said the municipality's filing for an order in August to stop work at Solomon's Stables only served to heighten tensions and mistrust, and eventually proved to be off the mark, as the work was found to be legal.

According to the sources, there will be talks with the Wakf in the coming days to see how the damage caused by the recent drilling can be minimized. Otherwise, it appears that a year of close cooperation between Israeli and Moslem officials will lead to the site's opening next week, the sources said.

wanted to visit the Church of the Nativity and other Christian holy places in Bethlehem yesterday had to walk the almost three kilometers between Rachel's Tomb and Manger Square.

The security forces have barred Israelis from entering Bethlehem, which is in Area A, under Palestinian control. Until yesterday, the Palestinians had been providing buses for groups of foreign pilgrims, whose Israeli drivers and guides waited for them at Rachel's Tomb.

Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij, who is also the Palestinian Authority's Tourism Minister, was quoted on Israel Radio as saying he had decided not to continue providing the buses just to help the Israeli tourism industry, but he later told The

Jerusalem Post that the Palestinians simply did not have enough buses to carry all the visitors who wanted to enter the city.

Freij criticized the army's restrictions, saying that Bethlehem is perfectly safe for Israelis. He added that eight Israeli buses had entered the town on Tuesday, without incident. If the tourists could not visit Bethlehem, he added, they would not want to come to Israel.

He added that in one case, he had seen an elderly woman making her way on foot to the church, which marks the birthplace of Jesus.

"I brought her in my car," Freij said.

Meanwhile, Israeli officials denied allegations by the Tour Guides

Weizman to visit Egypt next week

PRESIDENT Ezer Weizman will make a one-day trip to Cairo on Monday, Beit Hanassi announced yesterday.

Weizman met with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday to brief him on his talks Tuesday with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat. Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak yesterday extended a formal invitation to Weizman to visit the Egyptian capital for talks.

Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon is also expected to visit Cairo next week, Channel 1 reported. BatSheva Tsur

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Members of the International Board of Trustees of the Israel Terrorist Center, including the Chair, Mr. Ed Reicin and his wife Leah, of Skokie, Illinois, to attend meetings of the Board of Trustees and the 1996 Joyce Eisenberg Israel Open.

Army punishes soldier filmed beating Arabs

A soldier filmed by a BBC cameraman beating suspected stone-throwers in Hebron last week was sentenced to 14 days in jail for behavior unbecoming a soldier, the army said yesterday. His commander was also restricted to base for 28 days.

The soldier was part of a force

that came under a hail of stones in the Hebron casbah. The army said the force identified the stone-throwers and arrested them. One member of the force "behaved in a deviant way," the IDF Spokesman said, adding that the IDF viewed the behavior gravely.

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The Republic of China Celebrates 85th Birthday



The Double Tenth National Day Celebration in front of the Presidential Office (top)

If you like extravagant fireworks displays, colorful parades and historical occasions, then today is a good day to be in Taiwan. That's because the Republic of China is celebrating its 85th anniversary of National Day, called the Double Tenth celebration.

On October 10, 1911, Dr. Sun Yat-sen and his followers rose up in the city of Wuchang to overthrow the Qing dynasty and establish the Republic of China. Every year, on the tenth day of the tenth month of the year, the people of the ROC commemorate the Wuchang



President Lee Teng-hui waves in appreciation to the crowd attending National Day Celebration (right)

Uprising. Aside from parades and fireworks around the island on Double Tenth day, virtually all buildings, public squares and streets are decorated for the occasion. It is customary for thousands of overseas Chinese to return to Taiwan on this day and pay homage to the Republic of China.

Democratization Promotes Peace and Regional Stability

It was only six months ago that the ROC's citizens went to the polls and cast ballots for the first popularly elected head of State in Chinese history. President Lee Teng-hui won the four-way race with 54% of the popular vote. The election announced to the world the completion of the Republic of China's transition to democracy.

Two months later, on May 20, 1996, the newly elected President announced in his inaugural address that he was willing to make a "journey of peace" to mainland China to show his commitment to peaceful relations between the two sides of the Taiwan Straits.

Kao Koong-lian, Vice Chairman of the ROC Mainland Affairs Council, said that the ROC government has always emphasized three principles in handling Taiwan-mainland relations: mutual respect; reason and peace; and equality and pragmatism. He also said that Peking shouldn't set a precondition that negotiations must be conducted only under its version of the one-China principle. The talks should be resumed, he said, on the basis of a bilateral consensus reached in 1992 that said

that each side could maintain its own interpretation of the one-China concept. Meanwhile in Hong Kong, Tang Shubei, Vice Chairman of the Mainland's Association for Relations Across the Taiwan Straits said that negotiations over political issues was a priority for the intermediary agencies.

Democratization in the ROC has brought self-assurance and self-confidence as global popular support increases. The Republic of China is determined to attain international recognition: they have their sights set on a seat in the United Nations. Foreign Minister John Chang said last June: "We will continue to push for participation in U.N. activities, but we have no intention to irk Peking with our diplomatic initiatives." He added: "Entering the United Nations is our long-term goal but not our priority."

Though the ROC has never formally "applied" to enter the United Nations, the ROC is trying to draw international attention to the fact that the Taiwan area, with a population of 21 million and economic and political success, has no voice in the world body.

Chang also said that Taipei should not and will not enter into unification talks with Peking unless the two sides are given equal international status.

The ROC government is convinced that its democratization will eventually contribute significantly to China's peaceful reunification and to stability in the Asia-Pacific region. In its 85 years since the revolution, it certainly has come a long way towards that goal.

A More Competitive Taiwan Set for Greater Global Prominence

With a democratic system now firmly established, the ROC is utilizing Taiwan's solid economic base and stable democratic development to raise national competitiveness and transform the island into an Asia-Pacific Regional Operations Center by the early 21st century. This will better integrate the Republic of China into the regional and world economy and the international community. Steps have been taken to further open and globalize Taiwan's economy through spurring the flow of

Taiwan Places Fourth among 12 Asian Economies

Taiwan placed fourth among 12 Asian economies in evaluations of economic and political risk, advancing one notch from last year, according to a highly respected Hong Kong consultancy. The annual report, by Political and Economic Risk Consultancy Ltd. (PERC), said Singapore had the least business risk, with a 2.53 rating, followed by Japan's 2.85 and Hong Kong's 2.91. Taiwan's fourth place rating was put at 3.9. The same report projected Taiwan's 1996

economic growth at 6.1 percent and foreign exchange reserves at US\$96 billion. The report predicted Taiwan exports for the year would total US\$124 billion and said US imports would amount to US\$108.5 billion. Much government effort has been applied to economic liberalization, internationalization and privatization of state-owned enterprises, the PERC noted. Taiwan did see improvements in the evaluations of

government's successful track record, future rankings are likely to be even higher. Taiwan is set to join the top ranks of competitive economies worldwide and become even more tightly integrated into the international community in the 21st century.

The ROC is the world's fourteenth largest trading nation and seventeenth largest investor nation. They are a country whose GNP stands at US\$264.7 billion, the eighteenth highest in the world. Their per capita income ranks 25th at US\$12,490. The ROC is already an active member of the international community, engaging in economic, trade and cultural relations with countries around the globe. Recently, it has also accomplished a series of strikingly peaceful democratic reforms. The ROC has the sincere desire to do all it can for the international community. For example, as of November 1995, the ROC had pledged to provide loans totaling US\$489 million to 16 nations through its International Economic Cooperation and Development fund. And also as of March 1996, the ROC had already given US\$129 million to over 60 nations through its International Humanitarian and Relief Fund.

In terms of economic partnership, political experience and humanitarian aid, the ROC has much to offer the world.



Source: PERC

investment, industry, individuals and information. The ROC government has relaxed controls on capital movement and has opened the remaining areas of business previously closed to foreign investors. It has also expanded intellectual property rights protection and streamlined procedures for employing foreign nationals.

Six operations centers are planned: manufacturing, sea transportation, air transportation, finance, telecommunications and media. Building upon Taiwan's solid manufacturing base and highly-skilled workforce, twenty to thirty newly planned intelligent industrial parks are to be connected by advanced telecommunications no later than 2005.

Capitalizing on Taiwan's optimal central location in the Asia-Pacific, development of a transshipment hub has begun with designating southern Taiwan's Keelung Harbor an offshore shipping center to transship cargo bound for the Chinese mainland. A first step toward an air transport hub is the US\$400 million air freight transport center being built by the US-based UPS at the ROC's CKS International Airport. The Taiwan Stock Exchange has been opened to foreign individuals, and a commodity futures exchange bill awaits passage. The cellular telecommunications spectrum and value-added network services have been released to the private sector, and foreign investment in telecommunications services is being liberalized. Taiwan will host high-tech media parks for Chinese-language movie and television program production and post-production.

its labor quality and cost, bureaucratic system, inward investment regulations, intellectual property rights and protection and labor disputes, the comprehensive report said. Taiwan ranked third in economic dynamics, up three notches from last year's report, behind only Singapore and South Korea. The category took into account gross domestic product growth rate, inflation, foreign exchange fluctuations, export and import growth and foreign debts.

The 1995 World Competitiveness Report by the International Institute of Development Management and World Economic Forum placed Taiwan 11th and 8th worldwide, respectively. In the 1995 Business Risk Assessment Report, Taiwan received the third highest recommendation for profit opportunity. Given the ROC

Taiwan, the World's Third Largest Computer Products Manufacturer

Check out the label on your computer parts and products and more often than not you will see the words: "Made in Taiwan." Taiwan now ranks as the world's third largest computer products supplier after the United States and Japan, having exported US\$21.31 billion worth of information-related products during the first 11 months of 1995. This does not include the production of integrated circuits (IC), which led the island's exports in 1995.

Over half of the exported products were hardware. Taiwan is now the world's largest supplier of monitors, motherboards, keyboards, computer mice and scanners. CD-ROM drives appear to be the information-product posting the largest growth in 1995. The value of these products totaled US\$305 million.

Many of the world's top ten PC vendors, such as Compaq, Apple, Hewlett Packard, Packard Bell, NEC and Dell, are increasing their orders with Taiwan. Approximately 70 to 85 percent of the monitors those vendors required are purchased from the island. Taiwan-made monitors, the largest category of information-related products, captured 57 percent of the world market.

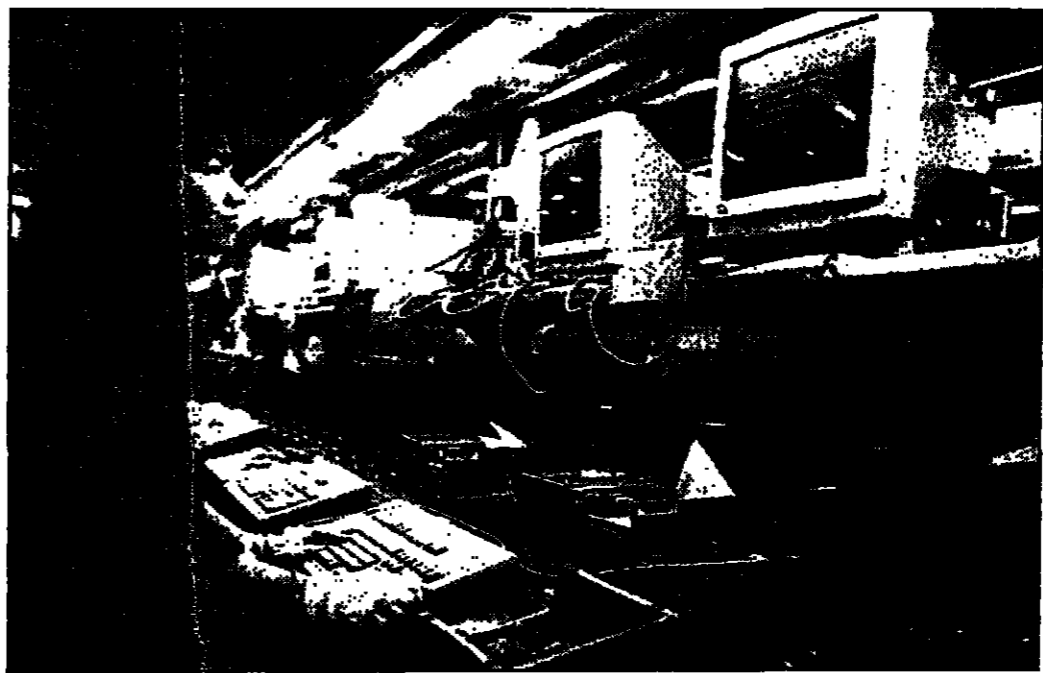
All Taiwan's success in computers can be attributed to the expansion of production scale in firms' overseas establishments. In order to benefit from cheaper production costs, many Taiwan computer firms have moved lower value-added production lines overseas. The trend of moving labor-intensive lines offshore has become well-established in Taiwan's information industry, with headquarters based in Taiwan focusing on R&D, design and corporate operations.

In recent years, a significant number of local manufacturers have moved into the high-tech fabrication of IC wafers in memory chips. Taiwan now ranks as the sixth largest producer of semi-conductors in the world. Industry insiders predict that Taiwan's semiconductor sector will grow at an annual rate of between 30 to 40 percent over the next five years. It is expected that, by the year 2000, Taiwan will

be the world fourth largest semiconductor producer after the United States, Japan and Korea.

With vigorous development of information-related and IC sectors, the island's Hsinchu Science-based Industrial Park has been named "Silicon Valley" in Taiwan. In order to facilitate the development of high-tech industries, two other Science parks - Yunlin and Tainan - are now under construction.

At this rate of expansion in the computer field, the ROC (Republic of China) may soon be called "The Republic of Computers!"



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Renewing Taiwan's Wildlife

The Council of Agriculture sponsors many programs to save Taiwan's endemic wildlife. A good example of this work is the rehabilitation of the Formosan sika deer. Unique to Taiwan, the sika deer once roamed the forests in Taiwan's low and middle elevations. Because of unlimited hunting and land development, the number of deer declined rapidly.

By 1969 the species had been declared officially extinct in the wild. In 1984, the ROC government began a 10-year US \$3.7 million project to propagate sika deer. In 1986, a research team transferred 22 deer reared at the Taipei City Zoo to a 120-hectare propagation zone in Kenting National Park. The project has increased the original group of 22 sika to a herd of 130, representing four generations of deer. Finally, on January 23, 1994, World Freedom Day, ten Formosan sika deer with wireless transmitters were freed, including three males and seven females. They were the first deer to return to their natural surroundings since the last wild deer in Taiwan was killed by a hunter in 1969. The deer will be traced by radio so that park administrators can find out how they are adapting to their new environment. The data gathered will be used in determining how other animals should be released into the wild. Next, the Kenting National Park Headquarters will start to replenish the park's number of muntjac, another small Asian deer. The national park system has successfully rehabilitated several other endangered species.

OC Navy: Arab navies closing qualitative gap

THE navy is incorporating a high-tech, locally-developed cannon to protect the coast from terror attacks, as it keeps its eye on the growing strength of Arab navies.

OC Navy Adm. Alex Tal said yesterday that Arab navies are taking great steps to upgrade their ships with modern weapons and systems, and are closing the qualitative gap with the Israeli navy.

"We are following the development of Arab navies," Tal told military reporters in Haifa. "And it will be necessary to give an answer to these developments so that we will be in a good situation at all times."

Arab navies, he said, are gradually replacing their old Soviet equipment with Western stock and equipping themselves with sophisticated missiles and helicopters. Others are upgrading with modern Russian warships.

Iran, he said, has recently acquired two Russian-built Kilo-class submarines and a third is on the way.

"Iran at this stage is not a threat,

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

but this Kilo-class submarine can certainly find itself in the Syrian navy, and in a short amount of time we could see Kilo submarines operating north of us and we have to be prepared for it," Tal said.

"We feel we are prepared," he said. "But parallel to this we are developing an answer not only for the existing threats, but for threats that can develop in the coming years."

Tal said the navy has nearly finished putting together its modern battle fleet with three Sa'ar 5 class corvettes, built in Pascagoula, Mississippi, and upgraded Sa'ar 4 missile cruisers. The first of three German-built Dolphin-class submarines will be in service by early 1998. The submarine made its first successful dive last week and is being fitted with its new weapons system. It is expected to be delivered in about 12 months.

Israeli missile boats are

equipped with the Barak missile, developed to shoot down anti-ship missiles much like the Arrow is designed to destroy incoming missiles.

The navy is currently testing a remote-controlled deck cannon that will revolutionize its fight against coastal infiltration attempts.

Built by Rafael and El-Op, the system is called Typhoon and consists of a thermal targeting gun mounted on the bow of patrol boats. It is capable of locking onto targets, day or night, in all weather conditions.

The navy is testing the system with two cannons: a 25-mm gun and a three-barrel 30-caliber phalanx Gatling gun.

The first is extremely accurate and the second more deadly. Both greatly increase the range of the 20-mm manually operated cannons currently in use.

The Typhoon's added benefit is the use of remote control, which replaces a sailor on deck who is exposed to the enemy.



Royal Ulster Constabulary Detective Chief Superintendent Derek Martindale, who is leading the hunt for the Lisburn Army base bombers, holds up a photo image of one of the suspects. (Reuters)

Terrorists kill 35 in fresh Algeria violence

PARIS (Reuters) - Moslem rebels killed 34 people in southern Algeria, and yesterday broke into a training school, shot dead a woman teacher and wounded five other people in a resurgence of violence in the North African country.

Algerian independent newspapers, in detailed accounts of the slaughter of the 34 on Monday night, said 20 were passengers on a bus, forced to get out. They were then slaughtered one by one by having their throats slit.

In the latest killing, Algerian security forces said a "terrorist group" broke into the vocational training school in the small community of Ouled Aich, near the garrison town of Blida, 50 km south of Algiers.

In a statement carried by the official Algerian news agency APS, they said the woman teacher was gunned down at 2:10 p.m. and that among those wounded was a girl pupil.

Monday night's ambush was carried out at a road block with Moslem guerrillas disguised as security forces. The official death toll given earlier for the attack was nine.

The slaughter, among the bloodiest reported in nearly five years of violence, took place south of the Saharan desert town of Laghouat.

It was near a turmoil for Hassi R'mel, Algeria's biggest gas field, where many foreign energy experts work and which is one of the "no-go" zones for which an official pass is needed.

The civilian death toll was the highest reported in the region since an attack last year at Anfos in which 18 people were killed and 15 wounded.

Notorious criminal gets furlough

SHMAYA Angel, one of the country's most notorious and violent criminals, is due to be given a furlough.

Angel is now a reformed man who wants to lead a normal life, away from crime, according to Herut Lapid, head of the Kibbutz Prisoner Rehabilitation Program.

Lapid, who has helped rehabilitate many convicts through his program, was instrumental in helping Angel win his struggle to be allowed prison leave.

"Angel will be allowed out of jail, under my supervision, for a 24-hour period for the first time in 14 years," said Lapid.

"He will stay at a small guest house in Rosh Pina, close to police supervision.

"I decided he should not come to my kibbutz, Ayelet Hashahar, because some people were a bit frightened and this alternative was arranged instead," said Lapid.

"In my opinion he is now a broken person. All he wants is to

DAVID RUDGE and Itim

go back to society and stay away from crime. That's my belief, although I could be wrong, in which case he will spend the rest of his life in prison."

On Tuesday, Angel, the prisoner kept in jail for the longest time without being granted a furlough, withdrew his petition against the Prisons Service filed in Beersheba District Court, after he was included in the list of prisoners to be considered for time off.

Several days ago, Angel was informed that he was being shifted to the list of prisoners eligible for furloughs once every three months.

Angel is serving a life sentence, after first being convicted for the 1981 murder of two drug couriers, Shulamit Sheli and Michel Nahmias.

In 1983, he and fellow prisoner Herzi Avitan were convicted of

participating in the murder of another prisoner, Haim Shushan, who was stabbed 131 times.

While in jail, Angel was considered a leader of a prisoner rebellion in the Beersheba Prison.

As a result, he has been kept in solitary confinement for the past decade, and was moved from prison to prison.

He was moved from Shata Prison back to Beersheba Prison about six months ago, where he enlisted the aid of Lapid.

Lapid prepared a regimen for Angel's rehabilitation, to be implemented during furloughs, and Angel subsequently appealed to the court to allow him to be granted such time off.

Judge Zvi Segal suggested the Prisons Service reconsider its stance - based on its belief he would commit crimes if furloughed, and that he had been responsible for criminal activity even while in jail - in light of Lapid's recommendation.

N. Ireland police: IRA bomb was 'mass murder attempt'

MARTIN COWLEY BELFAST

IRISH Prime Minister John Bruton accused the IRA of a cynical betrayal of Northern Irish peace hopes with a bombing described by police as a "deliberate attempt at mass murder."

Bruton said Monday's attack on Britain's Lisburn army base near Belfast had completed a "terrible triangle" of IRA violence this year after bombings in London and Manchester and the murder of an Irish policeman in the southern Irish town of Adare.

"The Lisburn bombing is a cynical betrayal by the IRA of the peace process. The IRA have now completed a terrible triangle," Bruton told the Irish parliament in Dublin.

"Those are the classic tactics of the National Socialists and Fascists during the 1920s and 1930s," he said.

The IRA admitted responsibility for the Lisburn bombing on Tuesday with a statement calling on Britain to allow its Sinn Fein political wing to take part in Belfast peace talks without the precondition of disarming or call-

ing a new cease-fire.

It was the first IRA attack in Northern Ireland in more than two years, and raised fears of revenge by pro-British Loyalist guerrillas who have so far held to their own two-year truce.

Northern Irish police said the attack was probably planned at least four months ago, when the peace talks sponsored by Britain and Ireland were just beginning. One of the cars used in the attack was bought in June.

"I have no doubt this was a deliberate attempt at mass murder," Detective Chief Superintendent Derek Martindale told a news conference in Lisburn.

The two bombs went off 20 minutes apart, apparently so that rescue services and people injured in the first blast would be caught by the second.

"They wanted to create the maximum amount of death and threat to life by the way they strategically placed the cars," said Martindale.

Thirty-one people were injured, four of them seriously.

Security relaxed in the past two years was swiftly stepped up after the attack, with soldiers backing up police at border points between Ireland and the British-ruled province.

Politicians appealed to Protestant Loyalist guerrillas not to retaliate for the bombing with anti-Catholic violence, which would revive Northern Ireland's 25-year civil war.

Representatives of the Protestant majority said the IRA bomb was a trap for Loyalists.

"We have to realize that Loyalists up until now have refused to be drawn back in. Let's hope they realize yet again that that is what [IRA] republicans want and that they refuse to do it," said David Adams, a leader of the Ulster Democratic Party, the political wing of the banned Ulster Defense Association. (Reuters)

World population seen reaching 6.1 billion by 2000

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The world's population will climb by 300 million to 6.1 billion by the year 2000, with Asia, Africa and Latin America accounting for 95 percent of the growth, the US Census Bureau predicted yesterday.

Over the next quarter century, it said, world population may reach 7.6 billion, equivalent to adding three more Sub-Saharan Africa to the present total.

The report confirms that the world is adding people at a far quicker pace than ever, even though the population growth rate will slow from the current 1.5 percent to below 1 percent by 2025.

Dutch to help publish book on Righteous Gentiles

BATSHEVA TSUR

THE Dutch government will help in the research and publication of a volume on people from Holland who saved Jews during the Holocaust, Dutch Minister of Health and Welfare Borst Eilers said yesterday.

Some 3,800 of the 13,668 persons recognized as Righteous Among the Nations are from Holland, the Yad Vashem spokesman said, following Eilers's visit yesterday.

The volume on Holland is expected to cost some \$1 million, and about half will come from the Dutch government. The remainder will come from contributions and from Yad Vashem.

Holland is the first European country to offer to participate in the monumen-

tal work on Righteous Among the Nations being carried out by researchers at Yad Vashem.

Dutch Prime Minister Wim Kok was approached by Yad Vashem chairman Avner Shalev during the former's visit to Jerusalem in January.

The researchers are currently working on the first volume, about people who saved Jews in France.

Meanwhile, close to 1,000 additional people are expected to be recognized as Righteous Among the Nations this year, following the opening up of archives and better access to documents in Eastern Europe and the growing awareness of the Holocaust there, the spokesman added.

Airline price war under way

HAIM SHAPIRO

THE off-season skirmishes between airlines have blossomed into a full-fledged price war with an announcement yesterday by Tower Air that it is cutting its round-trip fare to New York to \$699 on Monday.

In response, El Al spokesman Nachman Klieman said that the national carrier has not yet set a low winter fare, but that it is studying the situation and would no doubt come out with a similar offer.

Meanwhile, the Transport Ministry announced that its legal experts are meeting with those of British Airways over Civil Aviation Administration assertions that a BA half-price-for-a-second-ticket offer to the US and other non-European destinations constitutes an infringement of the air agreement between Israel and Britain. The BA cost to each of the two passengers would be \$675 to New York.

If the two sides do not reach an agreement within 10 days, they will turn the matter over to arbitration, the ministry said.

Although some of the current offers are limited to earlier dates, passengers can expect low prices until shortly before Christmas.

US peace troops start withdrawing from Bosnia

SLAVONSKI BROD, Croatia (Reuters) - The first 250 US soldiers left Bosnia yesterday after almost a year on peacekeeping duty, signaling the start of a large-scale withdrawal of American troops.

US spokesman Captain Steve Metz told Reuters two units, the headquarters battery division and 127 military police company, left Slavonki Brod yesterday for Tiszar, Hungary.

Both units will return to their home bases in Germany.

"This is the first official withdrawal of American troops from Bosnia. These units are redeploying home," Metz said.

The Americans were part of the 15,000-strong US force serving in Bosnia as part of the NATO-led peace implementation force (IFOR).

The withdrawal date has slipped by weeks due to delays in Bosnia's municipal elections, now set for late November.

IFOR is NATO's largest military operation since the alliance was created, and the Americans make up the largest national contingent.

Some 60,000 international peacekeepers were stationed in Bosnia after the warring parties signed a peace accord last December, ending 3 1/2 years of war.

Six share Nobel prizes for physics and chemistry

STOCKHOLM (AP) - Nobel Prizes went to six scientists yesterday for discoveries of whimsically named molecules known as "buckyballs" and a bizarre form of helium that may shed light on the moments after the big bang.

Two Texans and a Briton won the Nobel Prize in chemistry for discovering a family of soccer ball-shaped carbon molecules that spawned a new field of study. Known unofficially as "buckyballs" and officially as fullerenes, the unusual molecules were named for R. Buckminster Fuller because their structure resembles his famed geodesic domes.

The physics prize went to three US scientists for discovering that at extremely low temperatures a rare form of helium can flow without losing energy to friction. That finding has had unexpected applications to theories about the universe's earliest moments.

Each prize this year is worth 7.4 million kronor (\$1.12 million).

The chemistry prize was shared by Harold Kroto, 57, who teaches at Sussex University in England, and chemists Robert Curl, Jr., 63, and Richard Smalley, 53, of Rice University in Houston. The three discovered buckyballs in 1985.

"It's what every kid who had a chemistry set dreams of. There's no doubt about it, it's marvelous," Curl told reporters in Marston.

"It's a fundamental discovery," said Salo Gronowitz, chairman of the Nobel committee for chemistry. "You can practice a lot of new chemistry with these balls, and we are on the way to discovering lots of different applications."

Gronowitz said chemists expected to develop whole new materials, in addition to new medicines, from the discovery within five to 10 years.

David Lee, 65, Robert Richardson, 59, and Douglas Osheroff, 51, were honored with a Nobel in physics for finding that at extremely low temperatures, the isotope helium-3 can be made to flow without friction. Lee and Richardson teach at Cornell University in New York. Osheroff is a professor at Stanford University in California.

The citation accompanying the physics prize noted that the research has recently shed unexpected light on the first moments of the universe. The physical transitions that occur as helium becomes frictionless are similar to processes "believed to have taken place a fraction of a second after the big bang," the citation said.

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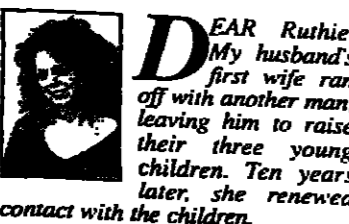
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Staying afloat when an ex-wife resurfaces

Corruption: World's No. 1 enemy

DEAR RUTHIE
RUTHIE BLUM



DEAR Ruthie, My husband's first wife ran off with another man, leaving him to raise their three young children. Ten years later, she renewed contact with the children. Before marrying me six years ago - when the children were aged 15, 19, and 21 - my husband went through a second, failed marriage. Two years ago, my husband's father died, and the first wife showed up at the funeral (I suspect in order to see how her children stood where the inheritance money is concerned). My husband's sisters, who hadn't seen her in all of these years, were merely civil to her. But since then, they have done a "flip-flop": They are all friends now, chatting on the phone, etc. I now feel uncomfortable talking to my sisters-in-law, because I feel that my husband's ex-wife will know what is going on in our lives. I feel my privacy is being invaded. Recently, my husband's daughter got married, and one sister-in-law had four long phone conversations with me about the wedding. I feel it was the ex-wife getting messages through to my husband, via his sister and me. I felt used. My husband is willing to discuss the children with her, but she won't talk to him. All of this is hurting my relations with my sisters-in-law, whom I feel

are being disloyal to me. Why should my relationship with them suffer, while this woman - who wronged the family - gets to be the one on the inside?

Usurped Sister-in-Law
Netanya

Dear US,
You cannot prevent your sisters-in-law from renewing this particular tie, no matter how unfair or illogical it may seem to you. You can, however, set boundaries beyond which you are not willing to let your husband's family go in relation to you.

This may mean having to distance yourself from them. Inadvertently, you may have become an active participant in an unhealthy dynamic within your husband's "harem." Perhaps your need to be close to your sisters-in-law should be examined more closely.

Does your husband have a deep need for his wife to be approved of by his sisters, for example? Does his marital history enhance your insecurity in relation to him? Or the fact that his children are not biologically connected to you?

Whatever the cause for your discomfort here, it is very telling that you failed to mention where your husband stands. After all, it is your marriage which should most concern you - not your exclusive rights to sister-in-lawhood.

One more point: if this ex-wife is the type of woman to abandon her children for so many years, and then to turn up at a funeral to sniff around the inheritance, she is bound

to trip up again. I suggest you keep a low profile, and bide your time.

Dear Ruthie,
I am a divorced woman with a teenage son. I am thus very cautious when it comes to inviting men home in general, and to spend the night in particular. My son, on the other hand, goes out with girls regularly, and even brings them home at night. The situation has become ridiculous: I, a grown woman, have a sketchy social life, while my son is free to do as he pleases.

Don Juan's Celibate Mom
Somewhere in Israel

Dear Don's Mom,
You and your son are not equals. Thus, your considerations of his impressionability where your sexuality is concerned are bound to be different from his of yours.

What is ridiculous here is your feeling that you must be more lenient with him on this score than you are with yourself. In other words, though I believe you are right in being careful around your teenager, I do not believe that he needs to be allowed to "do as he pleases."

Regarding your "sketchy" social life: you'll just have to conduct it elsewhere - or when your son is not at home - until you are serious enough about one person as to warrant including him in your life with your son.

Letters should be addressed to: "Dear Ruthie," POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem. For E-mail: editors@jpost.co.il

IN Brazil, 700,000 people rallied in heavy rain calling for the resignation of a president accused of taking kickbacks. In South Korea, protesters banging gongs and drums took over a 10-lane avenue demanding an end to corruption. In Italy, demonstrators at candlelight vigils begged the nation's top anti-corruption prosecutor not to resign.

Once it was socialism vs. capitalism that inflamed political passions. But in the post-Cold War world it is increasingly corruption that incites public outrage, inspires protests and topples governments.

Corruption has brought down long-governing parties such as India's Congress Party and Italy's Christian Democrat and Socialist parties. Two former South Korean presidents are in jail.

Presidents of Brazil and Venezuela were forced to resign and a former Peruvian president is a fugitive. Corruption scandals contributed to the downfall of prime ministers Khaleda Zia of Bangladesh and Felipe Gonzalez of Spain, discredited Turkey's former prime minister Tansu Ciller and forced Willy Claes of Belgium to resign as NATO's chief.

Whether corruption is actually on the rise is unknown. Bribes are as furtive as secret romances and neither the giver nor the taker wants the relationship exposed. For every payoff splashed in a headline, countless more stay secret forever.

What is clear is that as the world has changed, so has corruption - and how corruption is perceived. There are new opportunities to pay bribes, but also new freedoms to expose crooked politicians and demand the

downfall of corrupt governments. "Democracy and free markets are the enemies of corruption in the long run, but in the short run they can open up some opportunities that weren't there before," said Robert Klitgaard, a professor of economics at the University of Natal in South Africa.

The rapid dismantling of state-controlled economies in much of the world is drawing investment cash to countries where there are few safeguards against bribing government officials.

"With every new market, every new emerging opportunity, you have another set of public officials that have to be paid off," said Christopher Whalen, CFO of Legal Research Inc., a Washington-based trade advisory firm.

Bribery, kickbacks and other forms of corruption were rampant in closed societies like those of the former Soviet bloc. And they are rampant in the successor states today. But it's not the same.

When the state controlled much of the economy - especially in the Soviet bloc - bribes were paid to government officials for favors. "Before, you had a system that was too controlled, that was too rigid," said economist Susan Rose-Ackerman, a Yale University professor and visiting research fellow at the World Bank. "People would pay to get to the head of the queue." Now, Rose-Ackerman said, there is an "institutional vacuum" - it's not clear who is in control or what the rules are. So businesses pay bribes to officials who can guide them through the system.

The move toward privatization also means the bribes have increased. Where a business owner may have once paid a bribe to get hooked up to a water line, now some businesses deliver piles of cash to rig the sale of a water company. Such was the case of Alain Carignon, mayor of Grenoble, France, who was convicted of receiving \$4 million in bribes, including \$1.8m. from the sale of the city water system in 1989.

A German businessman, Wolfgang Greiner, paid \$3.75m. in bribes to the head of an agency overseeing the privatization of former East German state enterprises so he could buy companies and real estate at bargain rates. He was sentenced to five years in prison. The head of the agency, Wilfried Glock, was sentenced to five and a half years.

"Now it's sort of a Wild West, winner-takes-all system," said Kimberly Elliott, a research fellow at the Institute for International Economics in Washington. "[Bribery] may not be more endemic, but it may be at a higher level." High-priced bribes have also created a backlash. Businesses that have been willing to pay off officials can find they are being priced out of the competition.

And a public that tolerated officials who pocketed a little cash are shocked when they find out how much money is changing hands.

Former South Korean presidents Chun Doo-hwan and Roh Tae-woo were convicted August 26 of amassing slush funds of up to \$900m. while in office in the 1980s and early 1990s. They also were convicted of treason and mutiny for their roles in a 1979 military coup. Chun received a death sentence, but that is expected to be commuted to a prison term. Roh was sentenced to 22½ years in prison. They were fined a total of \$620m.

Italy's "Clean Hands" investigation is believed to involve between \$3 billion and \$4.3b. in bribes and kickbacks paid to businessmen and politicians. More than 3,000 people, including two former premiers, have been implicated.

In Mexico, authorities are investigating how Raul Salinas de Gortari the brother of former president Carlos Salinas de Gortari, managed to accumulate more than \$80m. in foreign bank accounts during a time he was mostly working for the government.

And politicians getting rich on bribes are sometimes the same one who implored the public to endure hardships today for the promise of better times ahead.

And they are getting rich as roads and schools crumble because contracts were awarded on the basis of payoffs instead of workmanship. The consequences can be deadly. An investigation of a shopping mall collapse that killed 501 people in South Korea last year revealed that city officials had been bribed to allow illegal design changes.

Years ago, dictators were able to cover up cases of corruption. Now it's not so easy. Journalists in the former Soviet bloc, Latin America and Asia are freer not only to report on corruption, but expose it and, according to Johan Gra Lamsbørd, a lecturer in economics at the University of Goettingen in Germany: "After the end of the Cold War, it is not that easy any more to bribe a foreign official and say that this was necessary to block communism." (News agencies)

The Wild West in the midst of the Far East

Life in Tibet is much more complex than Shangri-la under Chinese rule, Jane Macartney writes

AN inaccessible, romantic and mystic Shangri-la where Chinese police torture Buddhist monks is a common Western view of Tibet.

A mysterious, terrifying land where lanterns are made from human skin, skulls are used for goblets and slavery is a recent memory is a widespread Chinese view of this far-flung outpost of Beijing's rule.

Somewhere in between may lie the truth.

"Tibet is constantly used as a Cold War icon by anti-Chinese opportunists," said Robbie Barnett, who runs the London-based Tibet Information Network that specializes in providing data on the human rights situation in Tibet. For Tibetans - prostrating themselves before their beloved Buddhist shrines, buying chunks of yak meat in the Lhasa market or cycling to a disco in the evening - such issues seem far removed from their daily lives.

Tibet's capital Lhasa, one of the world's highest cities, has the air almost of a Wild West town that is rushing to catch up with the rest of the world. The tap of hammers and roar of drills signal a construction boom that is transforming meadows and wasteland on the edges of the ancient city into a Chinese town like any other.

Many Western human rights groups and pro-Tibet activists cry foul. They speak of the sinicization, the Han Chinese invasion of a land that belongs to Tibetans. They say that wealth is being concentrated in the hands of a few Han Chinese at the expense of the indigenous people and Tibetan culture is being annihilated.

Beijing says Tibetans in the region number 2.3 million while Han Chinese



A street musician takes time out from busking to join other onlookers watching devout Tibetan Buddhists prostrate themselves in front of Lhasa's Jokhang Temple, the country's holiest shrine. Lining the square is a Tibetan-run market where visitors can buy anything from yak meat to souvenirs. (Reuters)

total fewer than 100,000. No figure is given for the military presence in the strategic region that borders India, with which Chinese troops have fought numerous skirmishes in the past 40-odd years and last went to war in 1962.

Official figures show an economy growing by about 10 percent a year, with rural per-capita incomes around 600 yuan (\$72) while urban incomes are about 2,000 yuan. Both are still about half the national average but are increasing rapidly.

China chooses to compare the present standard of living with the traditional feudal system of serfs, many now officials, that persisted until well after People's Liberation Army troops marched into Tibet in 1950. One Tibetan bus driver boasted of earning 100 yuan a day, a princely sum even for a Beijing cab driver.

Western activists prefer to heed the cause of the exiled Dalai Lama, spiritual leader of Tibet and winner of the 1989 Nobel Peace Prize for his peaceful struggle for autonomy for his homeland since he fled after an abortive uprising in 1959.

"I do think things are enormously oversimplified," said Barnett. "But fundamental disdain in Tibet for Chinese rule is so prevalent and of such long standing that in many cases it constitutes the basic context or tone within which other events have to be placed."

Tibetan exiles report a revival of traditional Tibetan ways in rural areas, pilgrims come freely to worship in Lhasa and commerce involving Tibetans apparently thrives on almost every Lhasa street corner. In the main square in front of Lhasa's Jokhang temple, the Tibetan holy of holies, ragged pilgrims with matted hair prostrate themselves in medieval religious fervor and warrior merchants from the eastern Chamdo region mingle easily and chat in the marketplace with plainclothes Tibetan police.

Human rights groups say dissidents and monks languish in jail for demanding independence. Many Tibetans appear to have more immediate concerns, such as making enough money from new business opportunities to buy a color television, build their own home or send their children to school.

Pro-Tibet activists in the West paint a much harsher picture of life in Shangri-la under Chinese rule, and a MiG fighter on display at the foot of the legendary Potala Palace, towering over the capital, could be seen as a symbol of what they would call Chinese occupation.

But shades of gray exist.

"One of the great misfortunes of the Tibetans has been that they have attracted a number of Westerners or exiles who have simplified the issues and given the impression that Tibetans are averse to development," Barnett said. "Most people in Tibet want modernization but feel they are under foreign rule." (Reuters)

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Gov't plans second offering of Bezeq

MARILYN HENRY
NEW YORK

THE government is planning a second offering of Bezeq that would reduce its stake to 35 percent, Communications Minister Limor Livnat said yesterday in New York.

Livnat, speaking to American and Israeli business leaders at the opening session of the first Israel/North America Business Conference, said the Bezeq offering was one of several ways in which the government intended to liberalize and privatize the economy.

The government will reduce its role in Bezeq further, Livnat said, either with yet another public offering or a private sale.

Her ministry also is expected to announce within two weeks the winners of bids to provide international phone service, ending Bezeq's monopoly, she said.

It was no surprise when Livnat said Israel has the fourth-highest market penetration for cellular phones in the world, higher than any G-7 nation.

That may increase when Israel considers tenders for a third cellular phone operator.

Finally, touting Israel's prowess in the communications area, she told the audience that the Amos

satellite has contracts to provide service to Poland and Hungary.

The two-day conference, led by National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon, is intended to entice American businesses to invest in \$50 billion worth of infrastructure projects. Some are for basic improvements, others for economic development and expansion, and others would contribute to what Sharon called "population dispersion to the periphery."

Citing the need to reduce coastal congestion, Sharon said that under the master plan, Beersheba would be developed to become a city of a 500,000 people.

Although Sharon referred to regional economic development, the only country he cited as benefiting from the projects was Jordan. At a press conference Tuesday, Sharon mentioned a natural gas pipeline with Egypt as a possible source of gas.

Discussing train projects, Sharon said a rapid rail to Beersheba would possibly include extensions to Gaza and the territories, which "will be used by the Palestinians once they decide to cooperate on these issues."

Kitan to fire 110 workers from Beit She'an plant

DAVID RUDGE
and GALIT LIPKIS BECK

WORKERS at the Kitan textile factory in Beit She'an are preparing for a long and bitter fight for their jobs, following yesterday's announcement by management that it intends to close most of the plant.

Pimmi Kabalo, head of the local labor council, said the decision to sack 110 of the factory's 180 employees is a catastrophe for the workers and Beit She'an.

"This is not something we will let go through without a fight. We will make such a noise, it will be heard throughout the country," he said following a series of meetings with employees. "At the moment, the dismissal notices have not been received. When they are, we will take action."

Most of the facility will be shut down within the next few days at a total cost of NIS19 million, including firing workers, transferring equipment and loss of sales.

The Beit She'an plant will continue to operate its Levis Laundry and finished products warehouse. Employees described the company's decision as a "bolt from the blue." The work is to be transferred to Kitan's other plant in Dimona. The company has suggested that 25 of the current staff move to Dimona, but the rest will be dismissed.

A statement issued by Kitan said it intends to retain two other departments at the Beit She'an factory.

Kabalo, however, said the closure of the main department spells the beginning of the end for the whole of the factory.

The decision was taken to centralize production at Kitan's factories in Dimona and Upper Nazareth and close the finishing department at Beit She'an, the company said.

Further, the firm said the Defense Ministry recently decided to give its orders for most IDF uniforms to an US supplier, instead of to Kitan.

This, together with a raise in municipal taxes because of new government policies and the insistence of the Environment Ministry that "expensive" anti-pollution measures be established at all textile factories, especially dyeing plants, had forced the company to cut costs.

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Belgrade taxi drivers stand next to their cars during a strike yesterday. Some 2,000 taxi drivers went on strike to demand tax cuts and cheaper imports of second-hand cars. They want cuts in duties levied on imports of cars up to six years old to help them renew their fleet. The latest strike has added tension in Serbia, which has been shaken by a wave of worker protests as the national economy worsens.

Israel free-trade bill before Canadian Parliament

DAVID HARRIS

CANADA'S International Trade Minister Art Eggleton has introduced a bill to the Canadian parliament to implement a free-trade agreement with Israel.

If enacted, the deal will remove tariffs on industrial products of Canadian or Israeli origin. The only exceptions to this will be women's swimwear at Canada's request and certain cotton fabrics at Israel's. Tariffs on these will be phased out over two-and-a-half years.

Duty-free access or low duties will be applied to a variety of agricultural and fisheries products - excluding dairy, poultry and egg products. Talks will be held within two years to further liberalize agricultural trade.

Ministerial agreement was reached during Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky's visit to Canada during the summer.

"In order to remain competitive in the international marketplace, it is essential that Canada continue to liberalize its trade," said Eggleton. If implemented, the agreement will put Canada on an equal footing with US and European competitors, who already enjoy free-trade agreements with Israel.

Backers hope the necessary legislation will be completed in the next few weeks to allow the deal to run from January 1, 1997. Canada intends extending the agreement to the PA areas, and hopes talks will start in the near future.

Industrialists ready to make first official visit to France

ELDAD BECK
PARIS

A DELEGATION from the Manufacturers Association will make its first official visit to France next week, at the invitation of the French National Council of Employers (CNPF), one of Europe's largest industrial organizations.

During the four-day visit, the delegation - headed by association President Dan Propper - will hold discussions with the French ministers of industry and exterior commerce, in addition to leading industrialists.

The group will also visit two high-tech industrial areas, near Lyons and Poitiers.

High-tech is the focus of current cooperation between the two states.

A delegation from CNPF visited Israel for the first time two-and-a-half years ago.

Israeli industrialists saw that visit as the symbolic conclusion to the Arab boycott in France, because many French companies affiliated to the CNPF had been avoiding dealings with Israel previous to that.

France-Israel Chamber of Commerce President Lionel Stoleru said the visit has both a political and economic importance.

"It will be a very useful event that will enable the renewal of

contacts made more than two years ago," said Stoleru. "The fact that the visit takes place after the change of government in Israel is as important as the renewed contact."

During his visit to France two weeks ago, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu met leading French businessmen.

However, according to participants, the meeting was badly prepared and some of those present did not understand why they had been invited.

"On the economic level, the election of Netanyahu brings Israel to choose between being the Singapore of the Middle East or integrating itself within a framework of a regional economy," said Stoleru.

"The arrival of an ultra-liberal government, in a state that has a socialist tradition and history, will have a good effect on the Singapore scenario."

Officials in Paris hope that Israel and France can discuss possibilities of cooperation and partnership, not only in high-tech, but also in other areas such as food production.

Agents demand probe as more direct insurers join market

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE Association of Life Insurance Agents demands that the supervisor of insurance examine the impact of direct insurance on the market and consumers before new firms enter the field, association President Shaul Pasternak said at a press conference yesterday.

Two new groups are scheduled to enter the field within the next few months to join Direct Insurance, which currently is the only company here that markets insurance directly to customers.

As a result of the company's success, the Amot Hashifim Group - which includes Mizrahi Investments and Export Investments - and a second consortium comprising of US-based insurance conglomerate American International Group (AIG) and the Aurec telecom and media company decided to enter the field.

The association fears the entry of new groups will harm consumers, especially with foreign firms that may not be committed to operating

here in the long-term.

"The potential damage the company can cause as a result of its economic strength and ability to lead to dumping is significant," said Pasternak. "The supervisor of insurance, in partnership with the advisory committee, must examine this."

The insurance sector's total premiums from the general insurance field totalled NIS3.9 billion in 1996 through September, up 9.2%

from the same period last year.

Total claims in the field fell 8.7% to NIS1.89b., said Pasternak emphasizing that the figures do not imply that the sector will continue to profit.

Among the problems facing the sector is a growth in car thefts, up to 25,980 vehicles in the January-September 1996 period from 22,587 in the corresponding period last year.

In September alone, 3,026 cars were stolen, up 29.4% from the same month last year.

Abeles approves NIS2.5m. in warrants to Trade Bank

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

SUPERVISOR of Banks Ze'ev Abeles has approved the issue of NIS2.5 million worth of warrants to Trade Bank chairman Shmuel Weber after three years of discussions, the bank said yesterday.

The warrants issue was approved by Trade Bank's general shareholders in August 1993, but at the time Abeles objected to the bonus on the

grounds it was not justifiable.

At the shareholders meeting three years ago it was decided to grant Weber a basket of bonuses in return for his contribution to the development and success of the bank.

The shareholders initially decided to give Weber a relatively low wage

of \$15,000, a bonus for his achievements, and warrants which can be redeemed into shares at a price equivalent to 95 percent of the market price in 1993.

The bonus was defined as the above average profit earned by the bank compared with the rest of the

banking sector. But Abeles, who objected to the shareholders decision, refused to approve the basket of benefits.

Abeles decided to reverse his decision only after a lengthy examination into the bank's performance, which revealed that Weber contributed to the bank's activities and 350% balance sheet growth.

Ya'acobi: Israeli-American partnership could create Mideast

DAVID HARRIS

AN Israel-US partnership could help create a Middle East common market, Israel Electric Corporation chairman Gad Ya'acobi told delegates at the Israel-North America Business Conference in New York yesterday.

In his address to US, European and Israeli officials and businessmen, Ya'acobi presented four regional energy projects either already being implemented or under discussion.

Connecting the electricity grids of Jordan, the PA, Israel and Egypt. Grids have already been constructed between Eilat and Aqaba.

A canal linking the Red Sea and Dead Sea, in which the Jordanians are very interested.

A resultant hydro-electric power station to produce 400 megawatts of electricity for Israel and Jordan. A feasibility study is about to start.

The development of an oil-shale plant (Israel's only proven fossil

fuel resource) is about to begin. Mid-Atlantic, the American consortium created specifically for this project, won the franchise from IEC to produce 150 MW of electricity at a pre-determined sale price. Israel is now offering to cooperate with Jordan in building further such plants in both countries.

These projects and others involving solar and wind power could also be implemented in the region, according to Ya'acobi.

"Regional cooperation is the foundation for peace and its reinforcement," Ya'acobi told delegates. "It has to be expressed in many other areas, such as agriculture, tourism, transportation, telecommunications, joint ventures in industry and R.D."

Ya'acobi and other Israeli speakers are hoping to use the conference to raise some \$50 billion for public and private sector projects here over the next 10 years.

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Pound sterling	2.0874	2.1005	2.03	2.13	2.0851
French franc	4.9498	5.0295	4.86	5.10	4.9638
Japanese yen (100)	0.6118	0.6217	0.60	0.60	0.6170
Dutch guilder	2.8380	2.8828	2.78	2.93	2.8170
Swiss franc	1.8728	1.8728	1.81	1.90	1.8587
Swedish krona	0.4811	0.4889	0.47	0.50	0.4848
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Australian dollar	2.3360	2.3737	2.26	2.32	2.3562
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Italian lira (1000)	2.1155	2.1155	2.04	2.15	2.0888
Jordanian dinar	4.4000	4.7000	4.40	4.70	4.5312
Egyptian pound	0.9000	0.9000	0.90	0.90	1.0082
Irish punt	3.9200	4.0229	3.92	4.02	3.9837
Spanish peseta (100)	5.0679	5.1487	4.98	5.23	5.1152
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The final date for proposal submission is November 28, 1996. All questions regarding the RFP should be sent via fax to: 02-6701633, Attention: Mr. Ofer Greidinger

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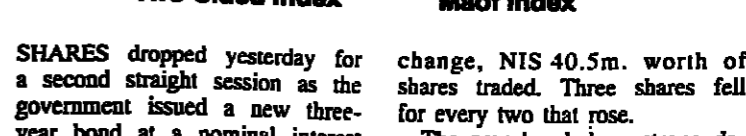
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Shares drop as government sells new bond

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

ROBERT DANIEL



SHARES dropped yesterday for a second straight session as the government issued a new three-year bond...

The Two-Sided Index fell 0.64 percent to 185.44, while the Maof Index dropped 0.84% to 194.85.

The government will announce the figure on Tuesday. Zeller Avilagon's economist expects 0.4%, and Bank Hapoalim is estimating 0.5%.

Eurobourses mixed, Frankfurt at record

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuters) - European bourses, rattled by a weak performance on Wall Street, closed mixed yesterday despite setting a record-breaking pace earlier this week.

The dollar ended European trading slightly higher after a day of quiet dealings. The currency was earlier buoyed by news of Japanese capital outflows into foreign investments which could give it support.

In the equity markets, German stocks were the stars, ending at a record 2,702.99 points on the DAX Index, on the strength of a buoyant telecoms sector.

Frankfurt's performance, straggling off a poor overnight showing by Wall Street, marginally eclipsed its earlier closing peak set only two days ago of 2,702.64.

But transactions on the after-hours, computerized IBIS Index slipped and dealers said German shares will struggle to break away from current levels.

On Monday and Tuesday, the blue-chip average made its first forays past 6,000, but quickly slipped back below.

Broad-market measures also fell yesterday, with analysts attributing the selling to another weak day in the bond market and continuing worries about what the impending blizzard of third-quarter earnings reports will show.

The technology-dominated Nasdaq market's drop was cushioned by Tuesday evening's report showing a nine percent rise in new orders of computer chips during September.

The increase in chip orders buoyed the Semiconductor Industry Association's book-to-bill ratio - a widely watched measure comparing the flow of chip orders and shipments - to its highest level since December. Chipmaker stocks were among the session's best performers.

The bond market was up until around midday. Some market observers attributed the change in direction to rumors that Russian President Boris Yeltsin's health had taken a sharp turn for the worse.

As bond prices fell, the yield on the 30-year Treasury bond - a key determinant of corporate and consumer borrowing costs - rose to 6.83 percent, up from late Tuesday's 6.80% and late Friday's 6.74%.

Declining issues outnumbered advances by a 5-to-3 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, with 878 up, 1,473 down and 898 unchanged.

NYSE volume totaled 405.96 million shares as of 4 p.m., vs. 434.66 million in the previous session.

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Israel settles for 1-1 draw vs. Russia

Momentary lapse costs home team victory

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ISRAEL came agonizingly close to registering another breathtaking victory against Russia in World Cup qualifying play, but had to settle for a 1-1 draw against Russia last night at the National Stadium, Ramat Gan.

The Israelis took the lead thanks to another stunning Gadi Brumer goal, the Russians, however, equalized in the 79th minute through Bologna's Igor Kolyvanov.

Brumer was both hero and villain of a match played before a 40,000 crowd that drew gate receipts of NIS 1.45 million, a record for any match played in Israel. Coach Shlomo Scharf made no bones after the game about his annoyance with Brumer who moved out of position, in a naive attempt to assist fellow defender Felix Halfon, leaving a gap in the center of defense that was directly used by the Russian attack to level the scores. "That was a situation which we should never have allowed to happen, we were in control of the match and a bad error by Gadi allowed the Russians to score," he said.

Victory would have lifted the Israelis into pole position in the group, but because of the draw, they lie second, and will somehow have to fashion at least one win from their visits to Bulgaria or Russia next summer if they are to clinch a place the finals in France in 1998.

"The two points that we lost today could prove very expensive when it comes to determining who goes to the finals," said a grim-faced Scharf after the match.

Nevertheless, the depth of the coach's disappointment is a sign of how far the national side has progressed under his stewardship.

Russia's coach, Boris Ignatiev, underlined the quality of the home side's play when he told a post-match press conference: "I do not want to give too many compliments, but this performance is a testament to the improvement in Israel's play."

The Russians had the better of a tense first half, opening the match with fast one-touch football, clearly designed to unsettle the hosts.

Valencia midfielder Valery Karpin was the architect of most of the Russians' forward play, and despite some spirited defending by Tal Banin and Gadi Brumer, the visitors came close to taking the lead in the first half.

The first let-off for Israel came in the 15th minute, when a fierce Valery Minko header was blocked, and Karpin narrowly missed with an attempt on the rebound. Five minutes later, Kolyvanov forced a save from Rafi Cohen, and Everton's Andrei Kanchelkiss should have done better in the 37th minute after beating two men, and then sending an oblique shot just wide of the far post.

The Israelis took their time to come into the game, and only looked capable of penetrating Stanislav Cherchesov's goal close to the interval, when the Russians suddenly lost their grip in defense.

In the 43rd minute, a clearance by David Amsalem was met by Haim Revivo who fashioned an incisive pass to Eyal Berkowitz. Berkowitz's effort ricocheted into the path of Ronnen Harazi who just failed to edge the ball into goal.

At the start of the second half Ignatiev replaced the lackluster Dmitri Radchenko with Andrei Tukhonov in an effort to produce more options on the left side of the park.

The tempo after the resumption was far quicker as the play swept from end to end. It was the Israelis who came forward with all guns blazing.

Avi Nimni and Berkowitz finally found the freedom in which to assist Revivo in pulling the Russians out of position, and creating chances for the ever-eager Harazi.

Once they were on song, Scharf's men displayed both flair and imagination as they charged towards the Russian goal. Israel's enthusiastic orchestration sharply contrasted with their opponents' workmanlike build up, and almost paid dividends as Nimni twice came close to scoring in the 52nd and 56th minutes.

A goal was clearly in the air, and the perfect opportunity presented itself when the Russian defense committed a crude challenge on Revivo directly in front of their penalty area in the 63rd minute.

With the memory of last month's bombshell against Bulgaria clearly in mind, Brumer steeled himself for another try. This time a seven-man Russian wall was assembled between him and his target. Without hesitation Brumer unleashed another searing shot that tore through the blockade and into the back of the net, sending the whole of Ramat Gan into exultation, as the scoreboard flashed 1-0 for Israel.

For the next ten minutes the Israelis toyed with the Russians, who substituted Vladislav Radimov for Yevgeny Bushmanov, as Berkowitz and Nimni began to look unstoppable in midfield.

A pause for the substitution of Ronnie Rosenthal for Harazi enabled the Russians to regroup, and they finally began to drive forward again.

There was a touch of good fortune in the equalizer. Halfon suddenly clutched his leg and waded to the Israeli bench to be replaced. While Arik Benado was readied to enter the match Tukhonov wasted no time in taking advantage of Halfon's increasing discomfort.

The left winger charged down the flank tempting Brumer to come to Halfon's aid. The play worked and with Brumer totally committed, Tukhonov - passed inside to Vladimir Beschastnykh who guided the ball to the unmarked Kolyvanov to slot home the simplest of goals.

The next eleven minutes saw the Israelis descend into desperation as fatigue began to tell, and their resolve and control disintegrated. The Russians came close to taking all three points in their last attacks of the match. Kanchelkiss headed just wide, and from the resulting corner Kolyvanov was denied when Amsalem cleared on the line.

Although there is no denying the Israeli sense of relief when French referee Marc Batta blew for time, on balance this is a game that the Israelis will feel they deserved to win.

With only the group winner assured of a spot in the finals, Scharf realizes that the path to qualification is now much more difficult. The Israeli coach must somehow maintain the enthusiasm displayed last night when his charges meet Cyprus on November 11 in their next World Cup bout.

Teams: Israel: 1. Rafi Cohen, 2. Felix Halfon (15. Arik Benado 80th), 3. David Amsalem, 4. Alon Hazan, 5. Gadi Brumer, 6. Amir



CLOSING IN - David Amsalem races for the ball against Russia's Andrei Kanchelkiss. (AP)

Sheleh, 7. Tal Banin (capt.), 8. Haim Revivo, 9. Eyal Berkowitz (14. Itzik Zohar 88th), 10. Ronnen Harazi (16. Ronnie Rosenthal 76th), 11. Avi Nimni. Russia: 1. Stanislav Cherchesov, 2. Valery Minko, 3. Yuri Nikiforov, 4. Yevgeny Bushmanov (14. Vladislav Radimov 66th), 5. Valery Karpin, 6. Omar Tetradez, 7. Viktor Onopko, 8. Andrei Kanchelkiss, 9. Vladimir Beschastnykh, 10. Igor Kolyvanov, 11. Dmitri Radchenko, (18. Andrei Tukhonov 45th).

GROUP 5

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Russia	2	1	1	0	5	1	4
Israel	2	1	0	1	3	2	4
Bulgaria	1	0	1	1	3	3	1
Luxembourg	1	0	0	1	1	4	0
Cyprus	1	0	0	1	0	4	0

England 2, Poland 1
Two first-half goals from Alan Shearer enabled England to come from behind and beat Poland in their European group two World Cup qualifier at Wembley.

The visitors took the lead after just six minutes through Marek Citko, evoking uneasy memories for home fans of 1973, when Poland stole a 1-1 draw at Wembley to ensure England missed out on the 1974 World Cup finals.

But Shearer, the world's costliest player, equalized 18 minutes later, escaping his marker and heading home a deep right flank cross from David Beckham, making his Wembley debut for his country.

England's second was pure Newcastle United, and justified coach Glenn Hoddle's decision to play striker Les Ferdinand alongside his club team mate Shearer. The two players exchanged

passes on the edge of the box. Shearer's first shot was deflected to Ferdinand, who scrambled the ball clear of the Polish defense for Shearer to blast his second attempt past Porto goalkeeper Andrzej Wozniak.

The second half was evenly balanced but goalless. Poland defied pre-match expectations and made England work for their three points, and captain Piotr Nowak, who plays his club football in Germany with Munich 1860, was outstanding.

Germany 5, Armenia 1
Germany's national team led by Thomas Haessler handed Armenia a smashing defeat.

Visiting Germany, which was playing without six injured top players, launched attacks on the Armenian goal right after the opening kickoff.

On the 15th minute, Haessler and Jurgen Klinsmann had good opportunities to score, but Armenian goalkeeper Roman Berezovsky stopped them.

The first goal came in the 21st minute after Haessler made a powerful shot to the left corner of the Armenian goal.

Five minutes later, Haessler passed the ball to Klinsmann and he scored another goal with a fine header. On the 39th minute, Haessler scored again with a strong shot to the right corner of Armenia's goal.

In the second half, the Armenians launched several sharp attacks but failed to connect on scoring opportunities.

The German team displayed strong defense and in the 69th minute, Freddy Bobic scored after a counterattack started by Klinsmann. In the 80th minute, the Germans scored their fifth goal after a header by Stefan Kuntz.

Denmark beat Greece 2-1 (1-1) in their World Cup European Group 1 qualifier. Scores: Denmark - Theodoros Zogoridis (25th min. own goal), Brian Laudrup (50th), Greece - Georgios Donis (65th).

England beat Poland 2-1 (2-1) in their World Cup European Group 2 soccer qualifier. Scores: England - Alan Shearer (24th, 37th mins), Poland - Marek Citko (6th).

Italy beat Georgia 1-0 (1-0) in their World Cup European Group 3 qualifier. Scores: Italy - Fabrizio Ravanelli (42nd minute).

Norway beat Hungary 3-0 (0-0) in their World Cup European Group 3 qualifier. Scores: Norway - Kjetil Rekdal (33rd, 59th, 80th), Belarus and Latvia drew 1-1 (0-1) in their World Cup European Group 4 qualifier. Scores: Latvia - Mikhail Zemtsov (10th), Belarus - Vladimir Malogolovskiy (78th).

Austria beat Sweden 1-0 (1-0) in their World Cup European Group 4 qualifier. Scores: Austria - Andreas Herzog (11th), Russia: Igor Kolyvanov (78th).

Israel and Russia draw 1-1 (0-0) in their World Cup European Group 5 qualifier. Scores: Israel - Gadi Brumer (64th min), Russia: Igor Kolyvanov (78th).

The Czech Republic and Spain draw 0-0 in their World Cup European Group 6 qualifier.

Belgium beat San Marino 3-0 (2-0) in their World Cup European Group 7 World Cup qualifying match. Scores: Gert Verheyen (10th), Luc Nilis (20th, 46th).

Lithuania beat Liechtenstein 2-1 (1-0) in their World Cup European Group 8 qualifier. Scores: Lithuania - Edgaras Jankauskas (43rd), Arminas Narbekovas (55th), Liechtenstein - Harry Zech (53rd).

Ireland beat Macedonia 3-0 (1-0) in their World Cup European Group 8 qualifier. Scores: Ireland - Jason McAleer (8th min), Tony Casarino (47th, 70th).

Germany beat Armenia 5-1 (3-0) in their World Cup European Group 9 qualifier. Scores: Germany - Haessler (20th, 39th), Klinsmann (26th), Bobic (68th), Kuntz (80th).

Portugal beat Albania 3-0 (1-0) in their World Cup European Group 9 qualifier. Scores: Luis Figo (11th minute), Heitor Cristovao (77th), Rui Costa (89th).

Colombia beat Ecuador 1-0 (0-0) in their South American World Cup qualifier. Score: Faustino Asprilla (72nd).

Maccabi seeks to end 0-for-decade drought in Greece

BRIAN FREEMAN

SIX times this decade Maccabi Tel Aviv has played in Greece in the European Club Championships, and each time the Israelis have returned home losers.

Tonight, Maccabi (2-1) tries to break that streak and snatch a win in Greece for the first time since the 1988-89 season against Panionios (2-1), a club making its debut in the championships.

It won't be easy. Panionios's inexperience at the highest level of European basketball should not be taken as a sign of weakness, since Greece has clearly established itself as the most successful league, along with Spain, in the past few seasons.

Any club that can finish in third place with a 17-9 record in the Greek league, as Panionios did last season to earn the Euro League berth, deserves respect.

Greek clubs have filled five of the 12 slots in the last three European Final Fours, and Panathinaikos captured the title last season (to show the strength of basketball in Greece, Panathinaikos could not even win the league title, the championship going to Olympiakos).

Spain has also sent five representatives during the past three seasons, with no other country contributing more than one.

Panionios has won both its European home contests this season (over CSKA Moscow and last week over Limoges), while losing at Istanbul to Ulker.

Its two starting guards are foreigners, Mitchell Wiggins and Keith Gatlin. Wiggins is leading the club in scoring at 18.3 points per game, but at 37 he is no longer the player he once was in the NBA.

He is also shooting a horrendous

50 percent (9-18) from the free-throw line, a problem that appears to afflict the entire team, which is making a dismal 62% (46-74) from the charity stripe.

Gatlin scored 22 points last week, including 3-6 from three-point land, after collecting only a combined two points in 34 total minutes the first two games.

The team's most dangerous weapon from long range, and one of its most productive players, is Theofanis Christodoulou, who connects on 36.3% (8-22) of his three-point shots and is averaging 16.3 points a contest.

Dutch center Gerrit Hammink, who previously played with the Orlando Magic, notches only 10 points a contest, but he pulls down 6.3 rebounds in only 22 minutes a game. This work on the boards has helped Panionios maintain a rebounding advantage in each of its three games.

This will be Maccabi's first encounter in the championships with Panionios (although it did beat Panionios twice in pre-season matchups this summer and lost twice to the Greeks in the Korac Cup during the 1993-94 season).

The game is scheduled to be shown live on Channel 1 starting at 6:45 pm. A replay is scheduled to be shown on Channel 1 at 11 pm.

In other Group A contests tonight, Stefanel Milan will host CSKA Moscow and Limoges hosts Ulker Istanbul.

GROUP A

	W	L	Pts
Maccabi Tel Aviv	2	1	5
Stefanel Milan	2	1	5
Panionios	2	1	5
Ulker	2	1	5
CSKA Moscow	1	2	4
Limoges	0	3	3

AL opener rained out

NEW YORK (AP) - Braced for Roberto Alomar's arrival, Yankees fans got Josephine instead.

Heavy wind-whipped rains forced the first postponement in 25 years of an AL playoff game as Tuesday night's Game 1 of the championship series between the New York Yankees and Baltimore Orioles was washed out by the remnants of Tropical Storm Josephine.

With a gloomy forecast, the league office called off the game at 3:30 pm EDT - 4 1/2 hours before the first pitch was scheduled. It was the right call. By 8 pm, wind gusts of nearly 60 mph brought the rain down horizontally, rendering an umbrella useless. Thankfully, the more than 56,000 fans expected for the series opener didn't have to battle the hurricane-like conditions.

"Nice weather, huh?" Yankees coach Don Zimmer said before braving the elements. "This is Mother Nature saying she don't want us to play," said

Yankee first baseman Cecil Fielder.

Fortunately, the miserable conditions were expected to ease by early yesterday morning, meaning the best-of-7 series was rescheduled to begin yesterday with New York's Andy Pettitte slated to face Scott Erickson. Game 2 will be played today before the series shifts to Baltimore beginning tomorrow.

"I think they made the right decision to call the game," said New York second baseman Mariano Duncan. "It's hard sometimes when you come to the ball park prepared to play, then sit here all night, then finally play two innings and then they cancel the game. Now we can come back tomorrow with the same attitude."

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World singles bowls champion coming here

LOCAL SCENE

HEATHER CHAIT

THE world singles bowls champion Tony Alcock, who beat local champion Jeff Rabkin to win the world championships earlier this year in Australia, will be trying to repeat his supremacy next week.

Alcock leads a five-man British team which will play two Tests against Israel on October 16 and 19 at Ramat Gan and Ra'anana respectively.

Alcock, who holds two successive world titles and is the recipient of an MBE from the Queen, will be well supported by his team members, the world champions in the fours competition.

Master of the arts Master Hidetka Nishizama, the world's most renowned karate teacher, will be in Israel this week-end for the Nishizama Cup, a competition in memory of Gadi Notas, who perished in the TWA air disaster.

During his visit, Nishizama, who has a Dan nine, will conduct a training camp and hold courses for judges.

The event is organized by the Ra'anana municipality and the Notas family and will be held at the Lev Hapark community center in Ra'anana on Saturday night.

For more details, call (03) 6455203. Washington coming to Tel Aviv week's Eisenberg Israel Open, Malivai Washington, pulled out of

the \$675,000 Vienna Tournament this week because of visa problems which demanded an operation. Nevertheless, Washington is due to arrive in Israel today. Accompanying him will be his brother Mashishko who will play the qualifying rounds at Ramat Hasharon over the weekend.

Meanwhile, Yitzhak Rabin's tennis racket will go on auction tonight in Jaffa at a charity function to coincide with the Israel Tennis Center's 20th anniversary.

Members of the ITC's International Board will be bidding for the racket with proceeds going to the ITC.

Judo no-go Israel's judokas are struggling to get out of their slump. All four entrants to the world youth championships in Portugal returned home empty-handed. Arik Ze'evi (95 kilograms) notched a win and two losses while Gil Ofer (71kg) lost by ippon. In the lighter categories, Liad Akko (65kg) lost his first fight and Nissim Asso (60kg) suffered a similar fate.

Where the lucky is If you're after a lucrative career for your son, don't overlook soccer.

Ronny Rosenthal, who turned 33 this week, has reportedly made a very comfortable \$4 million from his professional career as a soccer player, including advertising contracts here and in England.

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Estonia fails to take the field

TALLINN, Estonia (AP) - Estonia failed to show up for its home World Cup qualifying match yesterday with Scotland, protesting a last-minute ruling that the game

Man held for plotting to murder wife

RAINE MARCUS

HAIM Aflalo, the 63-year-old insurance broker suspected of plotting to have his wife murdered, was remanded for seven days by the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Aflalo, a resident of Herzliya Pituah, is suspected of hiring a Tel Aviv resident to kill his wife. But the would-be assassin, a known criminal whose name is banned from publication, went straight to police and offered to tape Aflalo discussing his plan.

The assassin-turned-police-agent met Aflalo via an intermediary who has not been arrested. Aflalo denied all the allegations and his lawyer, Sassi Gez, argued that he had been "set up" by the agent. Police, however, presented Judge Rachel Greenberg with written documents and transcribed tapes supporting the allegations. The judge ruled that the agent was not an "agent provoca-

teur" who enticed Aflalo to kill his wife, but that the suspect initiated the plot.

According to police, Aflalo was supposed to pay the assassin NIS 100,000 and gave him a down payment of NIS 10,000. Police claim that Aflalo wanted to murder his wife because of a bitter dispute over the division of their assets during divorce proceedings.

Eighteen months ago, the same assassin was hired by private investigator Amir Ben-Asher and former IDF officer Ya'acov Bek to murder senior members of the "Russian mafia" here, but he again turned to police and brought them sufficient evidence to charge and convict the pair. Both Ben-Asher and Bek are serving lengthy prison sentences for the murder plot.

The same man was also allegedly approached by two Rishpon residents, detective Reuven Breiner and Yitzhak Taub, to harm or kill



Haim Aflalo (left) speaks to his lawyer during his remand hearing yesterday. (Dana Stern/Israel Sun)

Rishpon resident Aharon Ginzberg and his family.

Ginzberg had filed petitions to various courts over alleged unfair treatment and irregularities in Rishpon. Around two months ago,

he and his family were attacked by masked men and his home was bombed with rocks and bottles. He complained to police, who did not take him seriously.

On Tuesday, Breiner and Taub,

based on testimony given by the same assassin, were arrested. The two were remanded yesterday for five days by Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court Judge Edna Benkenstein.

Fictitious marriages on the increase

LIAT COLLINS

THERE are some 250,000 foreign workers here and some 3,000 fictitious marriages a year, Interior Ministry officials told the Knesset Interior Committee yesterday.

Batya Carmon, who heads the ministry's visa department, said there has been "an incredible increase" in the number of fictitious marriages.

Carmon said some 30 requests a day are received from foreigners wanting to marry Israelis. Thirty percent of these are fictitious marriages, Carmon said.

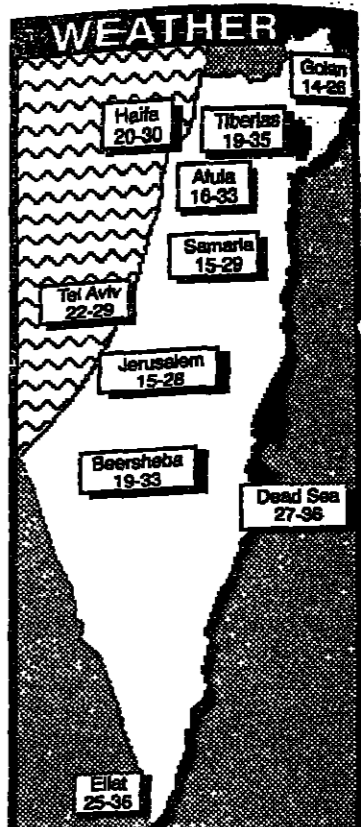
The going rate paid to women for agreeing to fictitious marriages is NIS 2,000, she said, although some women marry the workers as a favor. Carmon said in many cases, the illegal workers had arrived as tourists several years ago, when there was little awareness of the problem. These illegals came from England, Ireland, New Zealand, and Eastern European and African countries.

There is also a problem of workers who change their names abroad or marry abroad or arrive with false documents and claim rights under the Law of Return.

She said the foreign workers are aided by employment agencies that deal in false documents and visas for tourists. She said the police are not acting on complaints that have been filed.

Supt. Monique Goldwasser, the head of the police division that deals with aliens, said five policemen deal with the issue, but it is not at the top of the police agenda.

She described the possible consequences of the growing numbers of foreign workers and said it could lead to the race problems now being felt in some European countries.



AROUND THE WORLD

	LOW	HIGH	WIND	SEA
Amsterdam	12	54	17	50
Berlin	08	48	15	51
Buenos Aires	18	64	27	51
Caracas	25	81	12	51
Chicago	03	37	10	50
Copenhagen	08	46	18	54
Helsinki	08	46	18	54
Hong Kong	11	52	15	50
London	08	46	18	54
Los Angeles	10	50	14	52
Madrid	08	46	25	73
Moscow	08	46	13	56
Mumbai	25	81	12	51
New York	13	55	16	51
Paris	10	50	23	73
Rome	11	52	15	50
Stockholm	11	52	15	50
Tokyo	14	57	12	51
Vienna	12	54	13	52
Zurich	09	46	13	52

Winning cards

The winning cards in yesterday's Mifal Hapayis Chance game were the queen of spades, nine of hearts, ace of diamonds, and queen of clubs.

Eitan, Segev indicted for illegal use of IDF information

TSOMET Party leader and Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan, former energy minister Gonen Segev and two Tsomet activists, Haggai Ashur and Sami Shenfeld, were indicted yesterday in Haifa Magistrate's Court for violating the Privacy Protection Law by allegedly using confidential IDF information to threaten an activist to leave the party.

The court decided yesterday that the case will be heard in mid-December by a three-judge panel, given the public stature of the accused.

According to the indictment, after the 1992 Knesset elections, an internal struggle ensued in Tsomet over the appointment of a director of the movement. Segev and Ashur tried to prevent the appointment of Asher Cohen.

As a result, in October 1992, Shenfeld allegedly obtained Cohen's computerized IDF file while serving in the reserves in the IDF's Haifa office. The prosecution claims he gave the potentially incriminating file to Ashur, and a few days later

Segev turned to Ashur and obtained the information, which Segev then presented to Rafael Eitan at a meeting the two held at Eitan's house in Tel Adashim.

According to the indictment, Eitan copied the information, and asked MK Haim Dayan to arrange a meeting with Cohen. At the meeting at Dayan's house, Eitan allegedly confronted Cohen with the information and said that as a former chief of staff "he would not tolerate a deserter in the movement, and therefore he could not be the head of the movement or even a member of it."

Eitan allegedly said that the conversation would be kept between the two of them, and he would not publish the information if Cohen left Tsomet.

As a result, Cohen left his Tsomet membership card with Eitan. The indictment is unlikely to affect Eitan's ability to serve as a minister since Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair has already said this charge is not serious enough to disqualify him from the cabinet. (Itim)

Bill would give all Israelis abroad the vote

LIAT COLLINS

MK Ruby Rivlin (Likud) has submitted a bill which would allow Israelis abroad to vote in national elections at embassies and consulates.

"The proposal would neutralize the impact of the wave of hundreds of thousands who leave the country every year and allow all citizens to realize their democratic right, as is accepted practice in many other countries, including the US," Rivlin told reporters yesterday.

He said that every time early elections are called there are intense discussions on which side would win or lose if the voting is held in the summer. "This bill will

spare us that," Rivlin said. Today only diplomatic staff, official emissaries and merchant marines can vote abroad.

"It is of utmost importance that Israel, which is a small democracy where every vote counts, gives as many citizens as possible the option of voting without territorial limitations," Rivlin said.

He rejected criticism that Israelis living abroad for several years should not be able to vote on fateful national issues, saying the aim is to maintain contact with Israelis abroad. Only those who care about the country will vote anyway, he said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Policeman, car thief killed in crash

A policeman and a car thief were killed early yesterday morning at the Ma'ul Junction near Migdal Ha'emek. Police said the accident occurred when two men who had stolen a car in Upper Nazareth suddenly swerved into an oncoming police car, killing the policeman. One of the thieves was fatally injured, while the other youth escaped.

Later in the day, a border policeman was seriously hurt when his car overturned at the Har Yona Junction in Migdal Ha'emek. He was taken to Ha'emek Hospital in Afula. (Itim)

Hungarian exhibit opens in Tel Aviv

The works of painters Ze'ev and Heddy Kun, Hungarian survivors of the Holocaust, and noted Hungarian sculptor Istvan Madarassy are on display at the Enav Cultural Center in Tel Aviv, in an exhibition opened last night by the municipality and the Hungarian Embassy to mark Hungary's 1100th anniversary. Zoltan Szabo, Political Secretary of State of Hungary's Ministry of Culture and Education, delivered opening remarks recalling a millennium of Jewish-Hungarian coexistence. The exhibit, sponsored by Mavic Hungarian Airlines and At Yehudit's patisserie, will be on display through Monday. Sue Fishkoff.

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